

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 - Santa Monica Rd, Miami**
- **MUDGEERABA - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**



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WELCOME TO FR MORGAN BATT

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November, 2017

Year A: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13



Our Gospel this Sunday is about the wedding parable. In Jesus' day, the Palestinian first century, the Bride waited – how times seem to have changed. But that was the reality. The bride waited at home while the groom negotiated with her family. Then after the wedding business was completed the groom would go to his bride. Hence, the people waited for the groom to arrive. Then the whole community who was ready would go and meet the groom and those ready would

enter the feasting hall. If you were not ready you would be left out. This became a great story to encourage the early Christian community to remain vigilant and be ready to do the will of the groom (Jesus). Merely saying "Lord Lord" is not preparation enough to get you into the Kingdom hall. Just saying our prayers and turning up is not enough – we are called to active participation in the mission of the Kingdom. Does our Parish have a mission or does the mission have a parish?

The oil in the gospel is about our relationship to the Lord which must be cultivated, like all good oil, over the years of one's life through experiences both bad and good. Such an "oil", such a relationship must be truly one's own and may not be borrowed at the last moment when the groom has been sighted on the horizon. One needs to be prepared. Preparedness is not just a "waiting for" something to happen, but participation in making it come to pass. As your 6th Parish Priest, while not being perfect I'm at least prepared. I believe in the Church, and the mission of Jesus. But this is not just a mission about turning up, but participation in a mission about outreach, faith, evangelisation, and education. On the fiftieth Jubilee of the Parish Fr Pat Molony wrote that the parish comes "near to the heart of our faith and challenges all who comprise the parish to be a people of wisdom and insight that is ever old yet ever knew".

Our Parish was created on the 13th November (tomorrow), 1956 from a wonderful historical past reaching back to the 1870s and through the lives of many devoted priests from Fr Scortechini and families like the Dolans and Dwyers (only to name two of many). Of our official 61 years as the Parish of Burleigh Heads we have grown in this good oil that has been crafted over many years in the hearts and lives of families. But our mission still goes on and the different communities who make us are in the words of Bishop Ken "The fabric of our lives".

My own family has deep connections with the coast. My family were pioneer dairy farmers on Hope Island just to the north of Southport; my father has a park named after him at Paradise Waters in recognition of the water canals of Paradise Waters being his idea; and I myself was the first parish paid Youth Worker in Australia employed in the Surfers Paradise Parish in 1982. As a priest I celebrated Mass in the old Infant Saviour Church and over the years in the other Burleigh Heads Parish churches/hall. And from the 1920s my family, like thousands of other families, made Currumbin one of our favourite holiday destinations. I have in a sense come home, my family having arrived on the Gold Coast 100 years ago, and I look forward to crafting the faithful good oil with you.

Fr Morgan Batt

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 13 November

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

Tuesday, 14 November

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 15 November

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

Thursday, 16 November

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

Friday, 17 November

St Elizabeth of Hungary

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

Saturday, 18 November

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

Saturday, 18 November

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, 19 November

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



PARISH DINNER

All Parishioners from our five communities are invited to come together on Friday the 17th November at the Mary, Mother of Mercy Church Grounds at 5:15pm for 5:30pm start.

The night is to share a meal and celebrate this year and all we have achieved across our communities.

We ask that those coming each bring a dish (Pot Luck Dinner) to share.

There will be a raffle on the night and all proceeds will be donated to support charity (for the less privileged) and our Parish Youth Ministry.

Let this be a joyous occasion by all coming together and making it a night to remember in our Burleigh Parish.

YEAR 7 VISITS MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Our new Church which we all built together has been a blessing to our Parish in many ways. One of which is that both our Primary and Secondary Schools are now able to come to Mass to celebrate with us. You may have seen the Primary School classes coming to Mass regularly and the Year 2 group which celebrated a Sunday Mass with us in August.

The College has also been part of this great new story. All year groups in the college (Year 7-12) have gathered for Mass at the Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Throughout the year, classes from the College have joined in the celebration of the Eucharist as part of their identity as a Catholic school. The Year 7 group will celebrate Mass with us next Sunday and we invite all to join us.

May I thank Maree Wright and Dolores Maitland (the APRES from Marymount Primary and Marymount College) for organising these Masses. Providing the opportunity for Eucharist, grace and Church for our students is based on the understanding that the young are the hope and the Church of tomorrow.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Ministry Training Session which was held last Thursday. This session was a wonderful success, refreshing and energising our Ministers. Special thanks to Josee Hill and Bev Tronc for their planning and presentations on the evening.

Fr Stanley Orji

Treasury of Wisdom

Dianne Bergant CSS

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
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Parish News and Happenings

- **2nd ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' MASS** - Thursday 16 November, 5.30pm, St Benedict's Church. All altar servers in the parish and their families are invited to attend. Small party and dinner will follow (catered). Please rsvp to Jay 0418254315.
- Next year we plan to start a structured **PLAYGROUP** one morning a week for preschool children and parents. It will include movement, songs, prayer, craft and morning tea. What could be better than spending a morning with young people and little kids? However, we still need someone to organise the simple morning tea. If you can help please contact Jennifer 0409 727782.
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - Thank you to all who shared in the Blessing for the Journey and celebrations last weekend. For anyone who has not yet received their Confirmation certificate, these are available for collection from the Parish Office. We wish to advise families with children in Year 4, who have celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June 2017, that applications are now being accepted to register for the Sacrament of Penance. All families have been emailed a Registration Form. Dates for preparation and celebration of this Sacrament will be advertised once confirmed.
- **5.30pm MASS - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH.** We would love to hear from anyone who can help with ministries for this Mass. Please phone 0423 816941.
- **MUSIC MINISTRY** - Rehearsals for members of the choir, cantors, musicians, budding choir members - all welcome. Mary, Mother of Mercy Church from 6 - 7pm on Monday evenings.
- **The OSSU/TIMOR LESTE CRAFT STALL** will be on sale before and after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 19 November at St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba. Help support the women of our Sister parish of St Teresinha's, Ossu, by buying their 'Tais' handcraft, including runners, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, headbands etc and help the Cuaiti ladies workshop. This is a Burleigh Heads Social Justice Group initiative. For further information or if you would like to have the Craft Stall at your church, contact Sue or Bren 0409 718139.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Fears of losing his family's Kiribati home to rising sea levels drives Caritas ambassador to plead for action on climate change ... Brisbane teacher dedicates her first song to refugees in Australia.
- **THE LOFT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION** - Affordable accommodation for tertiary students and apprentices in Brisbane. A Project of St Paschal's Church. Must book by 20 November. 0468 515130 or 3359 0239. theloftsa38@yahoo.com

- **ST IGNATIUS PARISH TOOWONG** - in the care of the Jesuit Fathers since 1916. **INVITATION TO ALL CURRENT and FORMER PARISHIONERS** - to attend a weekend of Thanksgiving and **Farewell for the Jesuits** from the Parish, at Masses on weekend of 25-26 November. Refreshments after each Mass and an opportunity to catch up with Jesuits connected to Parish. 6pm Vigil, 7am, 5.30pm Sunday, St Ignatius Church; 8.30am Sunday, Holy Spirit Church.
- **CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS - VOCATION WEEKEND.** The annual vocations retreat will be held at St Joseph's Retreat Centre at Marian Valley, for young men (18-35 years). An opportunity to pray and reflect on the possibility of a calling to the priesthood or religious life. \$30. From 7.30pm Friday 24 November - 3pm Sunday 26 November. Contact Fr Thomas 0432 362052 - vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au
- **WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT** - Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All women 18 - 40 years old are welcome. 25-26 November, Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. Further information or to rsvp contact Sr Melissa 0484 007508.
- **IRISH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS** - Saturday 18 November, 11am, Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Join with other members of the Irish community on the Gold Coast in praying for the peaceful repose of deceased relatives and friends. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards - an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. For further information phone 0432 087328.
- **ADVENT FAIR AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** - St Stephen's Cathedral Choir is holding their annual fundraising event - **ADVENT FAIR** - on Sunday 3 December from 9am at the Cathedral precinct. There will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, fresh homemade cakes, sweets, savouries and many more delectable food items. Sausage sizzle. Free tea and coffee. Guides will be present to offer tours of the Cathedral.
- **GOLD COAST LAY CARMELITES** meeting will be held on Sunday 19 November at Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters, at 10.30am. All welcome. Please bring a plate for a light shared lunch. Enquiries contact Norm Harding 0421 125575 (ave.olmc@outlook.com).

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Emma, Charlee, Alistair, Martina, Madison and Max who were baptised last week.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Peter and Noreen McMurray who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week. Peter and Noreen were married on 16 November, 1957 at St Patrick's Church, Aubury. Best wishes from all parishioners.

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, Viviane Haddad, Robert Harvey, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Veronica James, 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, Danny Ricciuti, 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: Bugar Erzsebet, Bako Ivana, Margaret Spence, Denis Hogan, Dale Eaves, Patrick Toomey.

*May the choir 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: Miami

Liturgical Music for Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

City Of God

Awake from your slumber. Arise from your sleep.
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing.
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day.*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

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

A VOCATION VIEW

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the kingdom of heaven!

Vocation Office: 1300 133 544
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Next week's readings: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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- to donate and have furniture collected dial 1800 846643 and choose option 2.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

The Body Of Christ

*This is the body of Christ,
blessed and broken for us,
blessed and given for us.
This is the body of Christ.*

This is the bread of my love.
How I long to fill you with my life.

Drink from the cup of my blood.
Let my Spirit heal you deep within.

If you would live in my love,
hold my word, my promise in your heart.

Gathered as one in my name,
take my joy, my freedom to the world.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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