

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**



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 July, 2017

Year A: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

WELCOME TO BISHOP KEN

On behalf of our Parish Community, I joyfully welcome Bishop Ken Howell back home. Bishop Ken, it is a pleasure to welcome you in our midst today and to celebrate with you following your Episcopal ordination. May your presence here this weekend remind us of the many blessing and gifts you brought to our Community. May today's special celebration with you renew or joy and connections, and lead us all to grow more in love.

Fr Stanley Orji

How God's word takes root in us ...

As Christians we know the parable of the sower so well, although we have heard it so many times, we can't hear it again without being stirred. Jesus tells His disciples that the seed is the word of the Kingdom; that is, His own word, His own witness, ultimately Himself. We want to receive this Word. Yet how well we know that we are not the perfect soil we should be! How easily we allow our hearts to become messed up by our attachments or worries or temptations, so that the hoped for fruits of holiness are not produced as they should be! Then also we reflect on how Jesus casts His seed in us, in order that we might continue His work in the world. So the parable of the sower is also a call to the Church, to all of us, to evangelise! Somehow we need to find ways to proclaim Jesus in our own times. To communicate to people our own faith experience, itself a gift from the Holy Spirit that God exists; that He is good; that He has come to us in Jesus Christ, in order to forgive our sins, and to draw us to Himself; to give us eternal life.

One of the most effective ways we have of nurturing the seeds of the Kingdom is by coming to Mass. Here amid the assembly of the faithful we worship God in the power of the Holy Spirit. Here we hear His word in Holy Scripture; we receive the sacrifice of our salvation, and meet Jesus Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. So today once again we surrender to Lord and ask for the grace we need to truly listen to Him and to hear, truly see Him and understand, so that we can be enfolded by Him, and healed.

The parable of the sower challenges us to see how deeply the word of God can take root in our lives and in our day to day existence. Christ invites His followers to embrace the faith of the sower: to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humble offer of help to anyone in need, our giving of only a few minutes to listen to the difficult situation of someone may be the seeds that fall "on good soil" and yield an abundant harvest.

Jesus challenges us in the parable of the sower to be both sower and seed: to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the ground on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy. Each of us has got many gifts and talents. Let us spend these doing the will of God and becoming more Christ-like. The opportunity is open for us. The parables of Jesus enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge and inspire us.

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 17 July

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

Tuesday, 18 July

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 19 July

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

Thursday, 20 July

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.15pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 21 July

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

Saturday, 22 July

St Mary Magdalene

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

Saturday, 22 July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, 23 July

Sixteenth 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

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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.

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Angela Williams, and I will be working in the Parish of Burleigh Heads in the role of Sacramental Coordinator. Having lived in this beautiful part of the Gold Coast and raised three children here over 28 years, I feel very happy to now be able to assist families with Sacramental preparation and share in your journey of faith.

My time spent working in the neighbouring parish of Surfers Paradise for the past 14 years, as Marriage Coordinator and Atrium Coordinator, have given me much insight into Parish life. I hope to bring these gifts into this new role and acknowledge that there is still so much to learn.

I wish to thank Bishop Ken, Fr Stanley, and Sue Thomas for their willingness to grant me this opportunity and I look forward to getting to know many of you through Baptism preparation, Sacramental preparation, and within the community of Burleigh.

Blessings,

Angela Williams

Sacramental Co-ordinator

Burleigh Blaze Youth Happenings

The July Youth Mass with the theme "It is *Okay to say Yes to Jesus and follow in his ways*", was another successful Youth Mass.

Great to see so many young members of our Community in attendance.

Our next Youth Mass is on 6th of August at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 5.30pm.

Come join us!!!

Friday 21 July is our Youth Gathering:

The Theme is Q & A.

High Schoolers and Young Adults are welcome. Bring along your questions about your faith.

This is a fun night with games, fellowship and opportunity to meet in a safe environment.

rsvp 0430 960802 (Iris). Dinner provided - please inform of special food requirements.



Message from your Parish Pastoral Council:

Fr Stanley and Fr Dantus are doing an amazing job to keep all the Masses going across the churches in the parish. Fr John helps out but he has commitments in other parishes as well. Their generosity and dedication are much appreciated.

Welcome:

- We welcome Bishop Ken back this weekend and continue to keep him in our prayers for his ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane. You are very welcome to attend 10am Mass at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church where Bishop Ken will preside, and join parishioners at the Community Centre after Mass for morning tea and a presentation to Bishop Ken.
- Name tags extend a welcome to others and will be made available across the parish to those who minister at the five churches. Please place your name on the sheet that will be available at each church if you are involved in ministry and would like a name badge.

Build:

- AV system is still being worked through. Many thanks to Joe Theseira. Once all is well we will have workshops for those who need to use the AV.
- Youth group is building with more leaders and members and another session will be held on 21st July. Look out for the Q&A posters. Burleigh Parish will also host the youth event for the deanery in August.
- Another ongoing item to continue to build up is our webpage and our Facebook access. So important to connect in as many ways as possible, and have simple access to appropriate forms of social media readily available.

Serve:

- A group is meeting to review the roles of the various ministries at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church and the requirements in fulfilling these ministries.
- Once this is completed we can move forward on workshops to train all who serve in this way. We welcome those who minister at other churches in our parish to join the roster for Mary, Mother of Mercy church.
- Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy will be reviewed and updated before an audit later this year.
- Many thanks to James Fink who has stepped down from the Parish Pastoral Council. James has been representing the Mudgeeraba community on the council since 2013 and his insight and humour will be missed.

As we await the arrival of Fr Morgan Batt in November, the current Pastoral Council will remain as is to offer support to Fr Stanley in his role as Parish Administrator. Many of the current councillors will finish their term at the end of this year, so 2018 will see a new discernment process to choose new councillors.

Parish News and Happenings

- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - Welcoming enrolments for the **Burleigh Heads Sacramental Program**, for families wishing to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Registrations will close on Tuesday 1 August, for children to participate in a process of preparation to celebrate Confirmation in November this year. Parents with baptised children aged eight years (in Year 3) or older are invited to enrol their children via the Parish Office. Thank you to those families who have already completed registration forms. A calendar of dates will be forwarded in August. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the Parish Office or by email, should you have any queries. I am currently available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
Blessings, Angela Williams
- **PARISH WOMEN'S DINNER** - Monday 31 July, 6pm, Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av. Good food, reasonable prices, friendly company. All ladies in our parish, including visitors, welcome. Club courtesy bus within 5kms (book bus through Club on 5576 3177. Further information ring Margaret 5520 0186.
- **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings - away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule to invest in your most precious asset - your marriage. This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again. Next weekend will be 4 - 6 August at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au
Information www.wwme.org.au
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Fr Stanley joins parishioners on the streets for **Vinnies CEO Sleepout** ... Parishioners in a Brisbane community have their own nurse to call with health worries ... Fr Morgan Batt claims to be the first priest to have climbed and celebrated Mass on the highest mountain of every core country of Europe after scaling Bulgaria's peak ... St Rita's girls spend holidays building toilet blocks in Cambodia.
- St Ignatius Parish Toowong's Annual **WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY** - Tuesday 5 September at 7.30pm, Stuartholme School Chapel. St Ignatius Parish is very pleased to be able to continue to hold this annual event as a legacy of the work of Fr Peter Quin sj. More details will follow soon.
- **MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS MASS AND CENACLE** - will be held at Calvary Church, Miami, on Sunday 23 July at 2pm. Fr Francis Geremia, the MMP responsible for Canada and the USA, will be presiding and leading the Cenacle. Enquiries Helen Connell 0421 935678.

- **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP** - 2017 *National Pilgrimage* - The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November. Cost ex Brisbane: \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement: \$610. For further information or a pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818 or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au
- **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.
- **YOUR VOCATION CAN PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL POVERTY** - Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to help build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics. Palms Australia will help you get there. If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on 24 September. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. Call Roger on 02 95605333 or email palms@palms.org.au
- **CRAZY WHIST** - If you enjoy a friendly game of cards, Crazy Whist is played in the Infant Saviour meeting room on Tuesdays at 9.15am. All welcome.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Planned Giving roster this week: Mudgeeraba

Family Groups

Have-A-Chat Sunday 23 July
Lunch - 12 noon, Club Burleigh
rsvp Maryrose 15 July - 5535 3572.

Goannas Sunday 30 July
Burleigh Bowls Club, Connor St, Burleigh Heads, 12 noon. Margaret 5534 2654.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Leonardo, Xavier, Xander, Benjamin, Harlan, Haven, Havana and Eva who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Lina Schembri, Thelma Hurst and Mary Therese Carroll 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, Bruce Brew, Sylvia Brewer, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Deborah Campani, Ben Clarke, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Joan Dale, Graham Dall, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Norma Evans, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Mary-Rose Fitzgerald, Des Fox, Paris Freese, Lance Fry, Annette Gilbert, 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, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Jo Lawlor, Paul Mason, 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, Phil 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, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Max Smales, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Gerald Vanrongen, John Walker, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan 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: Blanche Sutherland, Lea Dunlea, Rafaela Freda, Val Mullins.

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

May you find eternal life.

Liturgical Music for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Bring Forth The Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O People:
salt for the Kingdom of God.
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the Kingdom of God.

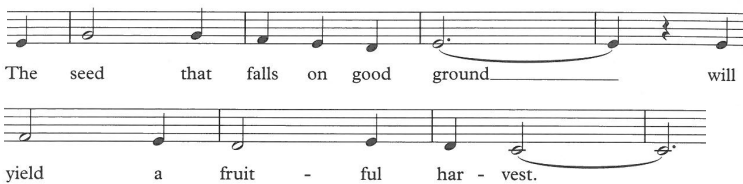
*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God.*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the Kingdom of God.
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

Next week's readings:
Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

The Harvest Of Justice

*May we find richness in the harvest of justice
which Christ Jesus has ripened for us.
Bread for the journey, bread for the hungry,
all for the glory and praise of God.*

Gather with patience for those who have nothing.
Leave them your riches, and you will receive.
Make room for the poor ones,
make way for the stranger;
for I am the Lord, the Lord your God.

For to have little is to be in abundance.
To give what remains, to give all we have,
is to walk with the poor ones,
and become the stranger,
one with the Lord, the Lord our God.

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The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings.
Sometimes it gets stepped on,
sometimes it gets choked,
sometimes it lacks depth.
But other times it is nourished by loving and caring
friends.

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ANTIPHONAL GROUP PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved

B: For they were like sheep without a shepherd

A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"

B: "But the labourers are few"

A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest

B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests
in your harvest

A: And shepherds for your people.

All: Amen.

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