

# 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**



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November, 2017

Year A: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Thank you for your warm open-arm welcome to the Parish last Sunday.

A phrase that catches my attention from today's gospel "faithful in small matters". This phrase is spoken by the returning master to his first two servants. He congratulates them for being 'faithful in matters'.

We may not be the most brilliant, wise, or gifted disciples of Jesus, but still, we are the ones he has put in charge until he returns. He has left us to care for his kingdom, to promote his ways on earth. We might not think that our mission, or daily responsibilities, is of any great import. They might feel like "small matters," but that is what we are called to be – "faithful in matters."

Faith in matters have recently occupied many in our communities especially in the Same Sex Marriage Plebiscite. The voice of 61.9% of Australians has returned a Positive vote in favour of the Plebiscite. Often people have asked me over these heart breaking months where I stand. I often told people that I want to understand what others are asking for, but I want more than what they were asking for. I want a community that has equality for all and that people can express their thoughts and fears and be heard. The Catholic Church, and many others who sought to retain the definition of marriage as it has been understood for centuries, continues to view marriage as a special union between a woman and a man, which allows for the creation and nurture of children. A change in civil law does not change the Catholic understanding of the nature of marriage. The Catholic Church continues to respect the dignity of LGBTIQS Australians (what does "S" mean? It stands for straight – this is about inclusivity) and our ministries will continue to care deeply about the dignity and value of all people we encounter. This is what being faithful in matters means – walking the fine line between the demands of our faith and the perception of our communities.

The Church accepts the result because the majority of people have spoken, but the Church will continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman, which allows for the creation and nurture of children, but at the same time, we hope that those who voted to change the definition of marriage will accept that the Church has the right to its unchanged position. This is what for us is the nature of being "faithful in matters". We pray also that whatever view we hold on this issue we can still be friends in faith and community.

Jesus' parable is boldly encouraging us to take risks with what gifts we have and to apply our abilities and resources to serve God, remembering that when we do, we are not acting on our own, but are guided by God's Spirit. We await our Master's return, but meanwhile we have the Spirit directing and energizing our efforts in Christ's name. We can do that because we have been given, by that same Spirit, the light of our faith as we wait for his return in hope and joy.

All we can say is that we do not live in dark but in the Light of the Lord.

*Fr Morgan Batt*

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## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 20 November

9.00am **Mass** - Miami

- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

### Tuesday, 21 November

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 22 November

**St Cecilia**

7.00am **Mass** - Miami

9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 23 November

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 24 November

**St Elizabeth of Hungary**

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital

12 noon **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Saturday, 25 November

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

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

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

### Saturday, 25 November

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 26 November

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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](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 need to farewell Fr Stanley, after a very short but powerful ministry in the parish, on 31 December at MMM (Mary) Church, following 10am Mass.

## 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 each Tuesday Night – 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*Fr Morgan*



## St Vincent de Paul Conference

### ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Annual Appeal for the works of our local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference commences this weekend. Envelopes will be handed out today and will also be available next weekend and at any time from the Piety Stalls. Credit Card donations can be made by completing the Credit Card section of the envelope. A special collection will be held at Mass next weekend to collect any donations and envelopes. Please indicate if you require a tax deductible receipt but provide a full return address.

Donations can also be sent to St Vincent de Paul Society PO BOX 128, Burleigh Heads, Qld 4220.

Our appeal again includes a call for membership. Pope Francis calls all of us to get out of our comfort zone and serve the poor and the weakest. We welcomed four new members this year and these were inducted into our conference on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September at the Regional Mass led by our Spiritual Director, Fr Stanley, and hosted at Mary Mother of Mercy Church. Our faith requires us to act. Would you consider answering this call too?

Home visitations to assist the needy remain the core mission of the Infant Saviour Conference at Burleigh Heads. Visits are always made in pairs and more volunteers are needed. You would be most welcome. You will find the few hours spent per week to give the needy a hand up most fulfilling and rewarding.

Our parish has generously supported our work by providing us with a spacious St Vincent de Paul Centre under the new Parish Community Centre. Thank you to all concerned for making our work so much more pleasant and easier.

Elderly residents continue to receive regular visits by the members of the Special Works Conference at Ozanam Villa. The conference members there would like to put out a call for volunteers to join them in their pastoral work.

Any member of the St Benedict community at Mudgeeraba is welcome to join our Infant Saviour Conference at Burleigh Heads. If there are sufficient volunteers willing to re-establish a conference at St Benedict's at Mudgeeraba, we will be pleased to assist.

Another significant work locally has been the establishment of the St Vincent de Paul Migration Advisory Service which offers free visa advice to needy people by qualified legal experts who volunteer their time and expertise. Volunteers are needed to prepare the interview centres, welcome clients and assist with pre-interview tasks. The service has expanded to include not only Burleigh Heads but also Southport, Woodridge and Spring Hill.

If interested in joining any of the above, talk to the conference member at the door or contact the Parish Office.

Locally, in terms of pure numbers, the activities last year have included:

- 873 home visits to 1015 adults and 902 children – a total of 1917 assisted (a 13.4% increase on 2016);
- \$92528 in expenditure for assistance;
- Pastoral care to approximately 170 residents at Ozanam Villa;
- 72 hampers and gift packs to families at Christmas;
- 110 refugees welcomed and entertained at the annual Tallebudgera Creek Picnic.

The value of direct assistance provided during home visits includes food and financial assistance for such items as rent to prevent homelessness, fuel for job search, education and training costs, health assistance, pharmacy prescriptions and utility costs such as power, etc. – a significantly increasing cost for those already burdened.

We are grateful to both Marymount schools for their most generous contribution of 110 baskets of food, 100+ health packs, support for the Refugee Picnic, and Christmas gifts included with the Christmas Hampers. We are blessed with teachers there who do a wonderful job in encouraging and integrating faith education and social justice at a meaningful level for their students.

An important initiative in our region has been the establishment of the Cornerstone Project. This Parish has provided significant support for the project and this has already resulted in preventing homelessness.

We thank you all most sincerely for supporting the Annual Appeal and doing your part to help those in need. Your prayerful and practical support is much appreciated.

God bless you all.

*Infant Saviour Conference & Ozanam Villa Special Works Conference*

# Parish News and Happenings

## Safeguarding Children – Parish Implementation commences next week

Our Parish has now commenced implementation/rollout of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Volunteer Registration.

Volunteer Registration Packs for all volunteers engaged in Ministry in our Parish, together with Blue Card forms and Security Check Forms, will be in our churches on November 25 and every volunteer is asked to complete and return one. Forms will also be available on the Parish Website to be filled in electronically. A matrix table has been placed on each Church Noticeboard which explains the Security check level needed for each Ministry. There is a representative for each church who will help you with any questions you may have.

Bren Milsom Safeguarding Coordinator

- **CARE & CONCERN** - final meeting for the year will be held on Friday 24 November, 9.30am for 10am, in the Community Centre, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Planning for 2018 will be discussed, so a good roll up would be appreciated.
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - Registrations are now being accepted for the Sacrament of Penance for all families with children in Year 4 who have celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June 2017. A Registration Form has been sent by email to families for completion and return to the Parish Office. Information Sessions will be held early next year. Dates for preparation and celebration of this Sacrament will be advertised once confirmed. For any queries please contact me on [sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au)  
*Angela Williams, Sacramental Co-ordinator*
- **The OSSU/TIMOR LESTE CRAFT STALL** will be on sale before and after the 8.30am Mass this 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au)
- **PARISH WOMEN'S DINNER** - Monday, 27 November, 6pm, Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av. Good food, friendly company. All ladies in our parish, including visitors, welcome. Club courtesy bus within 5kms (book bus through Club on 5576 3177). Further information Margaret 5520 0186.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Rosies family man becomes a permanent deacon for Brisbane - two others ordained transitional deacons on way to priesthood ... Sacred Heart Sister urges PM to listen to indigenous people on constitutional reform ... John Paul I on way to sainthood.
- **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.
- Anyone wanting to enquire about the Catholic faith, meetings are held each Wednesday at 7pm in Infant Saviour meeting room. For further information please phone Dave on 0406 719631.

## Family Groups

**Have-A-Chat** Sunday 26 November  
11.45am Currumbin RSL Alleys Restaurant  
rsvp Rosemary 0412 606492.

### PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Planned Giving roster this week: Burleigh Heads

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Lola, Zoe, Preston and Jacob who were baptised last week.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Lorraine and Bob McLean who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Lorraine and Bob were married on 18 November, 1967 in St Mary's Church, Ipswich  
Best wishes from all parishioners.

## FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Graeme Robert Joseph Parker and Walter Manning 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, 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, 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, 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, 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:** Graeme Parker, Walter Manning, Lyola Edwards, Roma Mossop, Patrick Brims, Philip Stanton.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...  
May you find eternal life.*

# Liturgical Music for Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

#### **Christ, Be Our Light**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

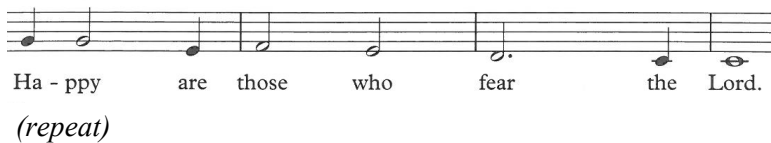
*Christ, be our light.  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light.  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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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: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-36

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life  
and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

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### **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 Fullness of God**

Deep in Christ I pray you know  
the power He can give.  
May your hidden self grow strong  
and may you live  
strong in faith and built on love until you know  
how high and long, how wide and deep  
the fullness of God.

May the God of Jesus Christ,  
the Father we serve  
fill your mind that you may see  
deep in your heart  
what hope his call now holds for you:  
His promise true:  
to fill your hear with power to live  
the fullness of God.

Know the way you learnt from Christ:  
to live life anew.

Let your heart be drawn to him let Christ renew  
the hope in you to grow into  
goodness and truth.  
And living so you'll come to know  
the fullness of God.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal:**

#### **Strong And Constant**

I will be God who walks with you.  
You will be always within my hand.  
Take your heart and give it all to me.  
Strong and constant is my love.  
Strong and constant is my love.

Should you wander far away from me  
I will search for you in ev'ry land.  
Should you call, then you will truly know:  
Strong and constant is my love.  
Strong and constant is my love.

When you know sorrow within your life,  
I will come, I will embrace your heart.  
Through your pain you will discover me.  
Strong and constant is my love.  
Strong and constant is my love.

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Choir 5520 2591

Christian Meditation 5593 3794

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Ladies' Dinner 5576 2623

Ladies' Lunch 5576 2623  
Marymount Primary 5535 1803

Marymount College 5586 1000

menALIVE Group 0412 270828

Men's Dinner 5576 2623

Ozanam Villa 5507 0800  
St Vincent de Paul 1800 846643

TEAMS Married Couples 5522 4880

Youth 0430 960802