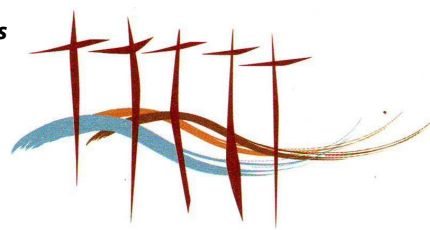


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- **PALM BEACH - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach**
- **MIAMI - CALVARY CHURCH - Redondo Av, Miami**
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 October, 2018

Year B: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

next week's Readings: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

Sometimes, when things are so bad in a person's life and they have been praying for a long time without a seeming answer, they are reduced to silence. "What more is there to pray about? I'm prayed out! God has heard a lot from me about my situation, I have nothing more to say." In times like these it is good to hear the words Jeremiah has for consolation.

There are plenty of readings from Isaiah through the liturgical year, especially in Lent and Advent. But we don't hear much from Jeremiah. That is a shame, for he suffered during his prophetic ministry and he speaks out of his experience to those in similar difficult straits.

The book of Jeremiah is a rather pessimistic commentary on the moral failings of the prophet's own contemporaries. He preached the unpopular message that the Babylonian exile was the deserved-result of the people's failure to live the covenant that God had made with them. This did not win Jeremiah many friends among his fellow Jews. Today's reading is a dramatic shift in the tone of his message. The people to whom he is speaking are in exile, suffering the consequences of their infidelities. They should have listened to the prophet's previous warnings. What could the people now say to justify a hearing from God? They have no defence and are helpless. After turning away from God they could expect nothing.

Perhaps, under their duress, they had even given up on God and stopped praying. The Jews in exile might remind some of us of the situation in which we find ourselves. After wandering from God's ways and finding ourselves stuck in a predicament similar to the exiles, how will we get free? What can we say to God in our defence? A suggestion: we could keep a silence and listen to what God has to say to us.

Our reading today is from, what has been called, "the Book of Consolations" (chps 30-31). It is mostly proclamations of salvation – good news. Jeremiah speaks to the people in exile, not on his own behalf, but for the Lord. Indeed, God's message is for all people living in exile. God has seen the their helpless situation and is coming to rescue them. What moves God to act: the prayers and holiness of the people? No, God will rescue them because God notices and comes to save helpless people. What is the "reason" for God's saving actions? It is God's love for the people.

If we find ourselves in a bind, a situation we have caused and can't handle by ourselves, then after saying the prayers we feel moved to say, we could listen to what God says to us through Jeremiah today. Hear the Good News: God will gather the scattered people and bring them home to Israel – "They shall return in an immense throng."

Frequently the prophets warn the people of impending punishment for their sins. In their prophecies God speaks like a prosecuting attorney, laying out the reasons for the punishment given the people. But in today's prophecy of salvation, no reason is given for the good God wants to do for the exiles: it is pure gift, it is a grace. God is free to do what God wants to do – and God wants to pour out love on the people. Love, after all, is free of charge!

God promises: "I will gather them from the ends of the world with the blind and the lame in their midst." Jeremiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Christ, exemplified in today's gospel story. A blind man is begging, sitting by the roadside outside the town of Jericho. The man, like the exiles in Babylon, is

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 29 October

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

Tuesday, 30 October

St Marcellus
7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 31 October

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

Thursday, 1 November

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

Friday, 2 November

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
9.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
(followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament)
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
(Rosary in Columbarium beforehand)
6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 3 November

7.00am **Mass** - Tallebudgera Cemetery
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, 3 November

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, 4 November

Thirty-first 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
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

SUNDAY MASS - 4th Sunday of the month
Bond University - 7pm - in the Student Lounge
25 November

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away from his home, desperate for help. What God promises to do for the exiles, Jesus does for the helpless blind man; he gives him sight and leads him on the way to his true home.

Do you remember last week's gospel and the disciples' dispute about who would sit at Jesus' right and left when he came into his glory (Mark 10:35-45)? Do you also remember Peter's rejection of Jesus' prediction of his passion (8:32-33). It is obvious that Mark is making a point about the disciples: they just don't see.

The last section of Mark's gospel is beginning. Jesus is about to enter Jerusalem. Before he does he cures a blind man – who then, "followed him on the way." Bartimaeus, healed of his blindness, becomes a follower of Jesus on the way to Jerusalem. There is no little irony here. Up to this point in Mark, the demons and evil spirits have recognized and proclaimed Jesus' identity; while the disciples have completely missed the point. They need a sight that only faith can give them.

We too are about to enter Jerusalem with Jesus and, through the word, we will witness his suffering, death and resurrection. If we are attentive to that word we will also be healed of our blindness to God's saving presence in our lives. We will, as God promised through Jeremiah, "Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: 'The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel.'"

As we heard in Jeremiah: opening the eyes of the blind signalled the coming of our saving God, and the beginning of the messianic age. Bartimaeus cried out for pity, but the crowd tried to hush him. The crowd is blind. The needy always seem to disturb the order and peace of established believers. Was that one thing Mark was trying to tell his church: listen to the cries of the needy, don't hush them, but be quick to respond – as quick as Jesus was? The blind man, through his faith in Jesus, was cured. Meanwhile, Jesus' followers will continue in their blindness – at least until Jesus is risen from the dead.

Once Bartimaeus can see, Jesus instructs him, "Go your way, your faith has saved you." With his new gift of sight Bartimaeus' way is the way of Jesus. He has become a follower.

Our stories are unique and diverse. What we have in common is that in our baptism our eyes have been opened by the Spirit to see and follow Jesus. The early disciples had to learn that their plans for discipleship were not God's way. More than a profession of faith is necessary for us to be Christians. Christianity is a dynamic endeavour that requires an active faith – the gift of sight – which leads us out of darkness each day so we can follow Jesus on his way.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This is a way of bringing people together in a safe space to share the common life experiences of grief and loss. The group will meet once a month and hopefully be supportive as memories, experiences and challenges are shared. I believe there is a special understanding that comes from talking with people who have shared a similar experience. We will meet in the Infant Saviour meeting room, 2 - 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (i.e. - 14 November). I will facilitate the group.

Pat Tomlinson

Live Christ Share Christ Catholic Charismatic Movement

We are inviting everyone to an afternoon of praise and worship, formation talk, group discussion and fellowship. This will be on **Sunday, 28 October 2018, 2 – 4 pm** in the Children's Liturgy Room, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. Adoration and 5.30 pm Mass follows after the session for those who would like to join.

"Foundations for Christian Living" is a series of 12 talks, the fourth of which is "Knowing God's Will" which talks about knowing God's will for our lives. God loves us so much that he would like us to know his will. To know the will of God, we have to undergo a process. It is the process of receiving guidance as we grow in our personal relationship with God, thus, the end process is to have the mind of Christ.

Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways, submit to him and he will make your paths straight".*

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menALIVE SCRIPTURE JOURNALING GROUP gathers Monday and Thursday mornings. 7 - 8am Monday, 7 - 9am Thursday (inclusive of Eucharist). For further information contact Chris Kennedy 0412 270828. All men of the parish and visitors are most welcome.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING COURSE

Centacare Pastoral Ministries will conduct a **Pastoral Care Training Course on the Gold Coast in January 2019.**

Parishioners interested in training to become volunteer pastoral carers at the Gold Coast and Robina hospitals are invited to attend an information session on **Thursday 22 November, 10am - 11.30am** at the Sacred Heart Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters. **Parishioners currently providing pastoral care in the hospitals and in aged care/nursing homes are very welcome to attend.**

For more information, or to register for the information session, please email: adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or call Judy Norris on 3324 3193. rsvp by 19 November.

Parish News and Happenings



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND - September 2019. Please register your interest at the Parish Office. **Especially suitable for 75+ age group.*

- **PARISH CENSUS / MINISTRY FORM** - please remember to return your form to us (by placing in the collection plate at Mass or in our parish mailbox outside the Parish Office, mailing to PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads, 4220 or emailing - (burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au) Thank you.
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4.30 - 5.30pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- During the month of November we remember and pray for our deceased loved ones. **SUNG EVENING PRAYER** for deceased will be held each Friday at 6pm in Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads. You are also invited to inscribe the names of your loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance** at each church. **NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES** are available at the churches.
- **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** meet each Tuesday, 6.30pm, in Infant Saviour meeting room.
- **PARISH DIARY - 2019** - Please let us know your group's bookings for Mary, Mother of Mercy community centre or Infant Saviour meeting room for 2019 so that the Parish diary can be finalised.
- **PARISH YOUTH WORKER** - Our parish will employ a part time Youth Worker 2019 - 2021. We are seeking a granny flat or accommodation for this young person. Any parishioners who know of a place, please let us know.
- We will welcome **ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE** to our parish on Sunday 4 November. The boys will join our parish choir and students from Marymount in singing at the 10am Mass at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE BBQ** to assist in raising funds for one of our Youth Leaders, Lauren, who is joining the NET Evangelisation Team in 2019, will be held on Sunday 28 October after 10am Mass at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Please come along and show your support for Lauren.
- The Annual **MASS** at **TALLEBUDGERA CEMETERY**, Trees Rd, Tallebudgera, will be celebrated on Saturday 3 November at 7am. All welcome.
- **WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY** - 9.30am - 3pm, Saturday 10 November, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. Open to women of all ages and stages. Come, take some quiet reflective apart, as we explore *"Mary: Mother of Mercy. With Mary as model, what does our discipleship look like for us as women in the Church in the 21st Century? How do we give birth to mercy in our lives?"* What to bring: BYO lunch. Pen and journal. Hat and sunscreen. Morning tea and tea/coffee during the day will be supplied. RSVP essential. Please email Sue Thomas sue@suethomas.net.au or phone the Parish Office by Tuesday 6 November. A donation is invited to cover costs - paid at the door.
- All are invited to the **MONTHLY LUNCH** to be held at Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av, from 12 noon on Thursday 1 November. Shuttle bus available (contact Club directly on 5576 3177). Please contact Margaret 5535 8714. *Please note 6 December will be the Christmas Luncheon. Names and money required this month to secure place. \$25 includes two course lunch, Christmas cake, chocolates and lollies, glass of wine, beer or soft drink and lucky door prize.*
- **PARISH MEN'S GROUP** - Tuesday 13 November, **Guided Tour of Port of Brisbane**. Bus will leave from the bus stop at the Tallebudgera Caravan Park. Parking is opposite the bus stop at the Tallebudgera Sports Club (access the bus stop by the under-highway walkway). Payment of \$40 can be made on the bus. Phone Keith Richards 0400 017087 to book.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Edie who was baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Margita Cervenak and Isabelle Mary Fabris 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, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, 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, 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 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: Marie & Norman Boss, Josephine Dibley, Kevin Kilby, Peter Kilby, Mary-Lou Gatt, Vincent Bugeja, Pholomena Bugeja, Alan Bugeja.

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!

Counting roster this week: Miami

CONNECT MASS 10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

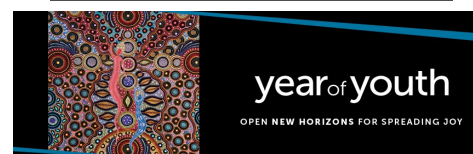
Over the past few months, our families have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have been blessed with the wonderful encouragement and support of Padre Morgan. We thank our volunteer Catechists who have assisted our families so well. We give thanks to our Mass Co-ordinators for their support during every special attendance at Mass. We thank our Parishioners for their prayerful support. We especially thank our families for committing to this special time of preparation.

We have been journeying together and are now ready for the celebration! We will celebrate together on Thursday evening. Please keep these Candidates and their families in your prayers.

Blessings,

Angela Williams

Sacramental Co-ordinator



Liturgical Music for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Table Of Plenty

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth.
Come to the table of plenty.
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

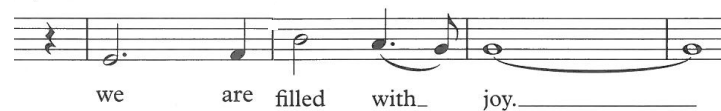
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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



The Lord has done great things for us



we are filled with joy.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday: Behave like God as his very dear children.

Tuesday: Happy are those who fear the Lord!

Wednesday: The Lord is faithful in all his words.

Thursday: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Friday: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Saturday: My soul is thirsting for the living God.

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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You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
come and rest in me.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Let Heaven Rejoice

*Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through ev'ry land:
"Hosanna to our king".*

Sound the trumpet into the night;
the day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord.

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