



# NEWSLETTER

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## Second Sunday of Easter

27 April 2025 (Year C)

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### Easter Season

Who would have thought that the Easter Season, which always includes the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, would be dominated by the death of our much-loved Pope Francis and the election of a new successor to St Peter? We are reminded yet again that the loving hand of God is powerfully and in mystery always at work among us. Much has been written and reported on Pope Francis and our prayers for him at all Masses this weekend unites us in gratitude as we honour him in our own quiet but sincere way.

Pope Francis' pontificate, which began in March 2013, has been marked by several significant themes and actions:

- Emphasis on Mercy:** Pope Francis declared the Year of Mercy (2015-2016), focusing on compassion and forgiveness within the Church and beyond.
- Environmental Advocacy:** His encyclical *Laudato Si'* (2015) calls for urgent action on climate change and environmental stewardship, emphasizing the moral imperative to care for the planet.
- Outreach to the Marginalized:** Francis has made efforts to reach out to the poor, refugees, and marginalized communities, advocating for social justice and human dignity.
- Interfaith Dialogue:** He has prioritized dialogue with other religions, fostering relationships with Muslims, Jews, and other faiths to promote peace and understanding.
- Reform of the Curia:** Francis has initiated reforms within the Vatican's administrative structures to enhance transparency and accountability.
- Focus on Synodality:** He has emphasized the importance of listening to the laity and engaging them in the Church's decision-making processes, promoting a more inclusive Church.
- Addressing Clerical Abuse:** Francis has taken steps to address the sexual abuse crisis within the Church, implementing measures for accountability and support for victims.
- Promotion of Family Values:** His apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) addresses contemporary family issues, advocating for pastoral care that is more accommodating and understanding of diverse family situations.

These marks reflect his broader vision of a Church that is more compassionate, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the modern world.

*Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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Attendance at Easter celebrations were a wonderful reminder of the grace of this time and the significance Easter holds in the lives of so many of our sisters and brothers. All who gathered are grateful to those who ministered so generously so that the Liturgies on the solemn three days were truly worthy of what we celebrate. Please know that your dedication and service to the community in this important way is much appreciated and we thank God for you.

A Happy Easter Season,  
Fr Kevin and Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 28 April to 4 May 2025				
	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am (Mass)		
<b>Saturday</b>	9am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
<b>Sunday</b>	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

# AROUND OUR PARISHES

## BULIMBA

### Prayer Requests

**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Pushpa Devi, Sr Joan Ryan SGS, Maureen Cosgrove, Joan Uscinski, Anna Fracchia, Patrick Aitken **recently deceased and also for** George Bracken, Paul Troja, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Ann Toomey, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Frances Cleary, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmons and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle.

**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez (nee Cullen), Remy Rossi, Carol Visueshwara, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin.

**REST IN PEACE POPE FRANCIS**—We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. A humble shepherd and tireless servant of the Gospel, he led the Church with compassion and courage. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the Church during this time of mourning.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Bulimba chapter meet Thursday 1 May at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome to attend.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**—this parish ministry is looking for new volunteers to present the Gospel to school aged children. Your commitment is once per term during the 8am Sunday Mass and 'training' will be provided. Under our commitment to Safeguarding, all leaders must possess a Blue Card and undergo Safeguarding training. Please contact the parish office for further information.

The month of May is fast approaching, and once again, we will be coordinating an annual **MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT**. These figures help us to understand how many people are being reached in local communities, and across the whole Archdiocese.

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.*  
Where do bad rainbows go? To prism. It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.



### LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Listen and respond to the cry of the Earth,  
the cry of the poor and the cry of our future.  
Spread the word.

Our ideas may inspire others to make positive changes.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

#### **FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)**

**Parent information sessions**

1 May 7pm **OR** 2 May 9:30am

**Celebration of First Holy Communion 14-15 June**

#### **CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)**

**Parent information sessions**

24 July 7pm **OR** 25 July 9:30am

**Celebration of Confirmation—Thursday 28 August**

**SAVE THE DATE—DEACON SANG DUC BUI** who completed his pastoral placement at Buimba will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday 13 June at 7pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Sang will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in the parish on **Saturday 14 June** at 10am followed by hospitality.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ELECTION STATEMENT** can be found by following link [www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/Election-Statement-2025)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** meets this Sunday after the 8am Mass in the parish boardroom. All welcome to join the conversation.

## KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

### Prayer Requests

**We ask you to pray for the recently deceased** Cliff Hawkins **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**—Rose Payne.

**Please remember the sick in your prayers** - Michael Mulligan, Jeanette McMahon, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Paul Mann

### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

Last week's winner: **PHIL SMITH**

Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw simply need to speak with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church at Mass on Saturday evening. Proceeds of the lucky number draw go to support St Vincent de Paul and other social needs in the Parish. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

**A REMINDER TO SAVE YOUR STAMPS**—sale of these stamps goes to the Sisters of St Joseph to support rural communities in Peru. Please place in an envelope to reach the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held **Sunday 3 May** in the Coolock Room during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

**PARISH MORNING TEA** follows Mass on Sunday 3 May. All welcome.

**ANOINTING MASS** will be held at 9am on Friday 2 May at St Luke's Buranda. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and aging, and is a sacred moment when we pray for God's grace to strengthen someone who is suffering from any form of illness.

### LOOKING AHEAD....

**28 April** SVDP meet @ 6pm at St Joseph's



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### THANK YOU!



Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISHES

As a Catholic community, we are deeply grateful for the goodwill and generosity that sustain our mission and service to others. Your continued support is vital to our work, helping us to live out Christ's love in Bulimba, Buranda, and Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane. To arrange planned giving for your parish, we invite you to reach out to the parish office for more information. Thank you for being a cherished part of our faith journey.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust. (John 20:29) Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting, Amen.

**SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.

**FIRST READING**

Acts 5:12-16

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

**SECOND READING**

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

**GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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