NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 January 2026 (Year A)

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

THE ART OF ENJOYMENT

Have you ever wondered why it is that people really don't start to live and enjoy life until they reach the time for retirement, or that the people we really admire most are the people who really seem to be able to enjoy the simple things of life as well as its challenges? Most of us have the mindset that tells us to work hard early in life and save up the latter part to enjoy doing the things we had little time for earlier.

One of the lines of the Jewish Talmud reads: "Everyone shall be called to account for all the legitimate pleasures which he or she failed to enjoy". How refreshing to consider that instead of being judged for the wrongs that we have done in our lives, we may well have to be reprimanded for not having taken full advantage of the wondrous and enjoyable opportunities, God-given and offered in abundance.

With the outstanding range of choices and situations that are now open to us in this modern and material world, the first 25 years of this century are now acknowledged as the un-happiest generation in the last one hundred years. It is said that it is precisely because of the range of choices we have that we worry more about what we have rejected, rather than that which we have opted for. We literally have too much of a good thing and don't want to let any of it out of our grasp for fear that it may never come again, or that someone else may end up with something that we had wanted.

Enjoyment is more a mind-set than a set of circumstances, and it is certainly more of a choice than a chance. Apart from the necessary losses and unforeseen tragedies that can and do happen in everyone's life at some time, our mind-sets matter most. It all depends on the way we see things. Bad moods do not happen by chance, we actually cultivate them. They are usually a result of a lack of balance in our lives. We don't rest or find space to recover, we react before we think or allow situations to upset us before we truly consider if they are worth the trouble.

The art of enjoying people and things is a skill that must be practised. It can be difficult if we have become expert at always seeing things in a bad light, or if we come with an attitude that 'if I am enjoying myself I must be doing something wrong'.

Simply try enjoying yourself for the next hour and take opportunities to make it an outstanding hour. If we find this too difficult an exercise, then perhaps we no longer know what we really do enjoy. If we can have a good time without material things around us, then how can we ever hope to have an enjoyable time when these things might no longer be available? Every time we consciously set out to do something we really enjoy, we cultivate the habit of enjoyment, and we start to understand that life is meant to be celebrated rather than endured.

Blessings,
Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week **26 January 2026 to 1 February 2026**

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	9am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
Sunday	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Eva Rodriguez, Campbell Lane, Philip Breene, Sam Maher ***recently deceased and also for*** Noel Nicholson, John Egan, 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, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera, Karen Baker, Mike Wesst, Timmins & Lyons families, Pat and Patrick Boyle.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell.

FR KEVIN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION—Please join us as we joyfully celebrate this momentous occasion. **Saturday 7 February 2026**, *Wine and Cheese Evening* - after the 5.30pm Mass and on **Sunday 8 February 2026**, *Parish Morning Tea* - after the 8.00am Mass (*volunteers to assist most welcome*). These gatherings also mark the beginning of our 2026 celebrations for the **100th anniversary of the opening of the Church of Sts Peter and Paul**. All welcome.

Just a reminder the **parish office will be closed** next Monday 26 January 2026 for the Australia Day public holiday.

This week we **WELCOME** back the school community to commence the 2026 school year. We wish everyone and especially the students a happy and fulfilled year ahead.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
"I got this great new hearing aid the other day. It's fantastic," said Bob excitedly. "Are you wearing it now," asked his mate. "Yep. Cost me a small fortune, but it's really top of the line." said Bob. "What kind is it?" asked his mate. "Twelve Thirty."

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si ' through everyday actions at home

Consider using rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

(for children Year 5+ who have completed Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion)
Parents wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of Penance are invited to attend one of the information sessions offered on the following dates:

Thursday 12 February 7pm *OR* Friday 13 February 9:30am

Information on the program will be explained at these sessions with resources available to enrol your child.

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 be registered, possess a Blue Card and undergo Safeguarding training.* Please contact the parish office for further information.

MEDITATION will re-commence Tuesday 3 Feb 2025 @ 4 pm, Good Samaritan Convent, 50 Hawthorne Rd. All are welcome. For more information contact Brian 0412 657 707

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Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Ron Boswell, Mary Leahy, Adriana van Brunschot* ***and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.***
Please remember the sick in your prayers *- Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee.*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **ISOBEL SOWERSBY**
Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw see with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church 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!!!***

YOU'RE INVITED—PARISH LADIES' LUNCH on Thursday, 26 February 2026 at 11am at the Pineapple Hotel. This is a relaxed and friendly gathering, offering a lovely opportunity to enjoy good company, welcome new parishioners, and make new friends within our parish community. Everyone welcome, we would love to see you there. Please RSVP to Catherine by 22 February 2026 on 0438 649 568

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will continue this year on the first Sunday of the month during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. Next date is 1 February **PARISH MORNING TEA** follows Mass—all welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
6 February	Anointing Mass at St Luke's Buranda
18 February	ASH WEDNESDAY

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(Parish hall located at 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba)

ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES' new Lenten reflection resource for 2026 called '**The Journey Home** will soon be available for purchase through the parish. Featuring daily reflections written by **Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge,** this resource is designed to help individuals and small groups pray with Scripture through the season of Lent which begins with **Ash Wednesday on 18 February**. Copies are just $5 each.

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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: Jesus said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men". Today, He could say, "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society". But regardless, Come. Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily here.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 8:23– 9:3 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

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