



NEWSLETTER

Catholic Parishes of Bulimba • Buranda • East Brisbane • Kangaroo Point

Second Sunday of Lent

16 March 2025 (Year C)

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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.

I'm sure very few people thought lent would begin the way that it did.

Uncertainty, routines interrupted, shortages of basics and a return to being advised to stay indoors. How real was the threat and how certain were we of its effects?

While some usual Lenten practices didn't occur, the season and its invitation to see the Grace of God most definitely did. Sometimes the presence of God is found in the daily routine and expected events of life but at other times it is the unexpected and even unwelcome circumstances where I live my Christian faith.

Being aware of others and their needs, a willingness to forgo what I want to cooperate with others and to accept the advice of those with whom I may disagree but who have the safety of all at heart. Those were the circumstances in which we were called to live as lent began.

As the friends of Jesus climbed the hill of Transfiguration, they certainly did not expect to see the identity of Jesus revealed in this sudden and unique way. But that's what faith and the season of Lent are about. Being open to the faithful and gentle hand of God present in every possible circumstance of life including the storms and surprises that we experience.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 17 March to 23 March 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Liturgy)			
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 Maureen Cosgrove, Joan Uscinski **recently deceased and also for** Leon Bakunowicz, 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, Bernie Larkin, Begley and Bourke families. Mick Shelton, Noel Nicholson, Wyn Watson and Brian Rawson.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm during Lent. All welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet after the 8am Mass on Sunday 23 March in the parish boardroom. Why not consider joining the conversation? All welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

A teacher asks her class to use the word 'dandelion' in a sentence. One child quickly puts his hand up. 'The cheetah is faster dandelion!'



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. When shopping, gather your fruit and vegetables straight into a basket. There is often no real need for plastic bags.

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

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

Prayer Requests

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Brian Prove, Marion White, Peter Hunt, Betty Bryne Henderson, Norm Clark, Lynnette Prosser, Joan Lemas, Sr Joan Cusack pbvm **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**— Noreen Rawlings. **Please remember the sick in your prayers** - Michael Mulligan, Jeanette McMahon, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Paul Mann

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

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!!!**

LENTEN GROUP continues every Tuesday until 8th April at 7pm in St Benedict's church as we prepare for Easter. This is a friendly relaxed evening where we come together to engage in discussion and share thoughts on the Gospel.

SAVE THE DATE— for the next LADIES LUNCH on Thursday 29 May at the Pineapple Hotel. A reminder will be sent out a few weeks before. Everyone is very welcome.

BRIEF FAREWELL—this weekend is Fr Peter's last with us before he jets off for a few weeks on Pilgrimage. We wish him safe travels. Fr David Pascoe will join in celebrating weekend Masses at St Joseph's. Please make him feel welcome.



FEAST OF ST JOSEPH—this Sunday the community at St Joseph's will mark the feast day during the 9am Mass. All welcome to hear the story of St Joseph, followed by morning tea in the Coolock Room. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you to the generous parishioners who continue to administer this ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD....

18 March Lenten group at 7pm in St Benedict's Church

19 March Mass at 8am (East Brisbane)—CANCELLED

26 March Mass at 8am (East Brisbane)—CANCELLED



Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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 listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36). 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](#).

◆ FIRST Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 ◆ SECOND Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous
fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and
count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he
told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as
making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of
the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the
Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?'
He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-
old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young
pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put
half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds
he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the
carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and
terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had
fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that
went between the halves. That day the Lord made a
Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17- 4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as
your models everybody who is already doing this and study
them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I
repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving
as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be
lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of
something they ought to think shameful; the things they
think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in
heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting
for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these
wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He
will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the
whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but
remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear
friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing
became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up
the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face
was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.
Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they
were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were
speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in
Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep,
but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men
standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to
Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us
make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for
Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a
cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they
went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice
came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One.
Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was
found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told
no one what they had seen.