



NEWSLETTER

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 March 2025 (Year C)

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From My Mouth to God's Ear

I've always liked the Jewish expression of support for someone who asks a friend for prayerful support: "From my mouth to God's ear." It creates an intimate image of whispering something personal and important to God. I can almost see God bending to listen in a parental pose, pleased to be included in the chain of support. Ironically the need to pray has never been more evident while the forms and nature of prayer has never been more diverse. As we become more exposed to the prayerful and submissive gestures of those who follow the Muslim faith, kneeling with foreheads pressed to the floor facing the East, we of the Christian tradition could do well to look again not just at what we pray for and about, but how we position ourselves for prayer. Although we know we can pray at anytime, place and situation, when we gather in community, we adhere to a common practice so as not to distinguish or isolate ourselves from others in the community.

From our childhood days we were taught to join our hands when praying. Yet you will notice that during the prayers of the Mass the priest opens his hands and stretches them out. Both ways are good and have their place. But what do the different gestures mean?

To join one's hands means that for a while we stop our normal activities and take time out to pray to God. This is more suited to private prayer. To pray with one's hands open is more suited to public prayer. To pray like this is to acknowledge to God and to us that we are poor and that we need God to fill our emptiness.

The gesture of praying with open hands is a sermon in itself. The gesture is as old as the Bible itself, and although it is not a common practice in Australia, is becoming more popular in certain communities, particularly with children praying the Our Father.

When the priest says the prayers of the Mass with outstretched hands, he is not praying in his own name but in the name of the worshipping community. Even if you don't feel comfortable praying this way yourselves, you could try to have the same attitude before God as the gesture suggests – an attitude of humility and trust.

Perhaps the most important perspective is that we should pray honestly and often. Like the development of any great friendship, our relationship with God needs to be fostered by sincere conversation, not simply a recitation of someone else's words (although traditional prayers can bring great comfort when our own words desert us), but words from our heart, that won't surprise or disappoint God but may open us to new opportunities to hear God through our voice. Speaking with God each day will offer a familiarity that will bring the presence of God to every situation. I am quite sure that God must get a little frustrated at only being remembered at the difficult and demanding times of our life. Our prayers of celebration and gratitude will surely bring God the same joy that they bring us.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 31 March to 6 April 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (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)

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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.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Sr Joan Ryan SGS, Maureen Cosgrove, Joan Uscinski, Anna Fracchia **recently deceased and also for** Mary McDermott, 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, Wyn Watson, 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.

GETTING EASTER READY—rosters will be available at the church doors for all Easter ceremonies. Please consider where you can assist and place your name on the lists. Thank you

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Bulimba chapter meet Thursday 3 April at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome to attend.

PARISH MORNING TEA—FAMILY REUNION PROJECT occurs Sunday 6 April after the 8am Mass to welcome Redson Selvam and his family as they finally reunited in Australia. Thanks to your generous support, the funds raised last year helped reunite the family and support their new life. Please join in the conversation and bring a small plate to share. Assistance with clean-up afterwards would be appreciated.

DROP IN FRIDAY continues on the second Friday in the month in the parish hall. All welcome to join in the conversation and stay for morning tea. Next meeting Friday 11 April 2025.



Easter is the most important celebration in the Church's year as it commemorates the very foundations of our Christian faith.

Please mark these dates in your calendar.

Holy Thursday 17 April 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 18 April 10am
Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 18 April 3pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 19 April 7pm
Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 20 April 8am
Easter Sunday Mass

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Prayer Requests

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Cliff Hawkins, Brian Prove, 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)

Winners from the previous weeks were: **JOHN WESSEL**
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 YOUR STAMPS—The Sisters of St Joseph collect them to raise funds for rural communities in Peru. Please drop any stamps you received, at the parish office.

WELCOME — we once again welcome Fr David Pascoe to celebrate Mass with us this weekend. Please make him feel welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held **Sunday 6 April** 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.

LOOKING AHEAD....

2 April Mass at 8am (East Brisbane)—**CANCELLED**
4 April 9am Anointing Mass @ St Luke's, Buranda followed by Rosary
14 April Holy Week begins



Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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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: God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). 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](#).

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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
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

Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."