



NEWSLETTER

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

Third Sunday of Easter

4 May 2025 (Year C)

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Easter and Then What?

Somewhere in our city there are very large storage sheds that are getting ready to store the thousands of Easter decorations that have been in the shops since Boxing Day. When all the commercial carry-on of Easter is over the shelves will be cleared, the chocolate eggs will be melted down to be turned into some other saleable treat just in time for the next religious festival of Christmas.

For those who have used their Lent as a preparation for their full and meaningful participation in the ceremonies and spirit of what we call 'The Paschal Mystery', this may well be a time of real conversion or greater insight. For others Easter may just be a time to catch up on lost sleep and neglected chores. How we see this time is directly related to what we are looking for and the care with which we look for it.

Even though we may put away the symbols of this season, we cannot store away the fact that we are 'people of the resurrection', people intimately connected to both the death and the rising of Christ. While this connection begins at our Baptism, it must be nurtured by the understanding and participation in what that death and rising means.

It is not learnt in the consuming of chocolate bunnies or hunting for eggs, but rather in asking how we are changed by being baptised into and forever engaged in the resurrection event. Easter is not a once-a-year religious feeling but an everyday acknowledgment that something has changed in us, when we choose to accept a belief in it. The resurrection cannot be stored away or shelved like some seasonal festivity or commercial gimmick.

Rather than putting away our faith till next year, keep it going, make it a constant active involvement, celebrate it communally and individually - live it!

Fr Peter

The month of May, as with every month, brings it particular themes, celebrations and annual messages. For the Church this a traditional time to remember Mary, Mother of God, and honour her with our prayers and seek her intercession. There is much in the world that we can bring to her and pray for a Mother's wisdom, forgiveness and compassion. Each Sunday there will be the annual church attendance count. Thank you to those assisting. May is also a time when the wider community is particularly conscious of the issue of family domestic violence. The Bishops and church agencies say and do much to address this aspect of an ever increasing violent society.

"WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?" Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviour carried out by a family member or other significant relationship (e.g. married or de-facto partner) that is threatening or harmful to other members of the family or relationship. It involves the use of power and control by one person over another or others, and results in fear, distress and often isolation. Domestic violence can also result in serious physical injury and between 60 - 100 women are killed each year in Australia. It is sometimes called 'Intimate Partner Violence'.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 5 May to 11 May 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday			8am (Mass)	
Friday		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 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.

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.

This weekend begins the annual **MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT**. These figures help us to understand how many people are being reached in local communities, and across the whole Archdiocese.

This weekend we **WELCOME** Baptism families, together with the children enrolled for the Sacrament of First Communion. Please join for morning tea after the 8am Sunday Mass.

There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** offered next week while Fr Kevin is on retreat. Please remember him in your prayers.

DROP IN FRIDAY—you are invited to join in the conversation and stay for morning tea, 10am in the parish hall Friday 9 May 2025.

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

One good thing about getting older is that your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either!



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)

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES—Join internationally renowned US liturgical theologian, composer and recording artist, Tony Alonso, for a series of Brisbane events from 15-17 May 2025. Tony's four different presentations are highly recommended formation opportunities for Music ministers. For further information, please visit the Liturgy Brisbane website https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/tony_alonso.html

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

Prayer Requests

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Cliff Hawkins, Harold McMahon **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: **TANIA NAVATIL**

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!!!**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held this **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 has unfortunately been cancelled this weekend, but you can look forward to celebrating all our Mums, Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, Steps, MILs, Godmothers and stand-in role models or mentors for a special Mother's Day morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday 11 May. All welcome

LOOKING AHEAD....

11 May	Mother's Day Morning Tea @ St Joseph's
19 May	SVDP meet at 6pm St Joseph's church
21 May	PPC/PFC meeting—6.30pm Coolock Room
25 May	Baptisms @ St Joseph's
15 June	Sacrament of First Communion @ 9am Mass

SAFEGUARDING NEWS - *The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The protection of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. The Archdiocese also adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.*

We are pleased to announce that the parish now has a dedicated Local Safeguarding Representative email address—lsr.kpoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding includes actions undertaken to promote the protection and well-being of those who engage with the Archdiocese and to prevent abuse.

As a reminder, our local LSR is **Conor Finn**. **Conor's role** is to champion safeguarding practices and assist in creating safe environments and activities within the parish, parish ministries and our faith community, including assessing activities for safeguarding related risks, particularly those involving children and adults-at-risk.

Conor can now be contacted at the above email for any on-going support, resources, complaints or reports and procedures. We thank Conor for his dedication to this parish ministry.

PARISH LADIES LUNCH - a reminder our next lunch will be held on Thursday 29 May at the Pineapple Hotel starting at 11am. The last lunch was enjoyed by all who could make it, and was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please let Catherine know by Sunday 25 May if you can make it, or message her on 0438 649 568. Everyone is welcome!

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: 'Do you love me?' Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 20:16-19) 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](#).

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

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

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 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

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