NEWSLETTER

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

Second Sunday of Easter

12 April 2026 (Year A)

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PRAY FOR PEACE

In response to Pope Leo's invitation to pray for peace we will pause at each Mass this weekend to join him in prayer. Some points below may assist us in our prayers.
Happy Easter Season.

Pope Leo XIV announced Sunday that he will lead a prayer vigil for peace on April 11 at St. Peter's Basilica.

"Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred," the Pope said. Yet it is also "a victory that came at a very high price": Christ "had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood."

Leo said the strength behind Christ's triumph over death was not worldly power but divine love. "This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems," he said.

Leo stressed that "the power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent," comparing it to "a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense."

"That is the true strength that brings peace to humanity," he said, because it "fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil!"

"The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us!" the Pope said. "Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts!"
He then made his appeal in direct terms: "Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!"

Leo concluded by inviting the faithful to join him on April 11 for the peace vigil at St. Peter's Basilica.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 13 April to 19 April 2026				
	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am		
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

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Neil Newman, Len Winter, Michael Swales, Jeanette Mecca, Peter Lyons, Hugh McCormick, Marcus Randell, Manuel Galeano Galeano, ***recently deceased and also for*** Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Peggy Teache, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera, Mick Shelton, Attilio and Ida Michieletto.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – Kay Bradnock, Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Robyn Britnell, Elma Wilkinson.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
(for children Year 3+ who have completed Sacrament of Baptism)

Parents wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend one of the following information sessions :

Thursday 20 August 7pm *OR* Friday 21 August 9:30am

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 29 October across two sessions

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

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

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **BERNIE SHELTON**
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!!!***

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD takes a short break over the Easter holidays.

SAVE THE DATE—FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI—WALK WITH JESUS
Procession Sunday 7 June 2026 commencing at 2pm. The procession starts and ends at the Cathedral of St Stephen and features prayers, rosary, hymns, benediction and the Migrant Jubilee Cross, with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. For further information visit corpuschristibrisbane.com

Please note **TOUR DE BRISBANE** cycling event will take place this Sunday 12 April—may have some impact on closed streets around Kangaroo Point.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
I asked my neighbour how she lost her husband Johnny. She told me her sad story. Well, he needed a blood transfusion, but his blook type was not on his record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was as they urgently needed to know to save Johnny's life. Tragically, I've never known his blood type so I only had time to sit and say goodbye. I'll never forget how supportive my Johnny was. Even as he was fading he kept on whispering to me, 'Be positive, be positive!'. That was my Johnny, always thinking of others!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Participate in local 'buy nothing' or 'share' community groups

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

This MAY the Archdiocese will once again 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 reminder the **YOUTH GROUP** Launch at Our Lady of Graces, Carina will kick off fortnightly from Friday 24 April at 6.30pm. Ages 12-17, dinner provided. For more details carina@bne.catholic.net.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Kangaroo Point chapter meet on Monday 20 April at 6pm in the church. New members welcome.

ADORATION offers a place for everyone in the stillness before the Sacramental presence of Christ. Come for peace, renewal, support, healing or hope. Each Friday after the 8am at Sts Peter and Paul's.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA—Celebrate the incredible women in our community this Mother's Day. You are invited to join for a beautiful High Tea hosted by SU Chaplaincy, featuring special guest speaker Emma Morris, Clinical Nutritionist and Founder of Maia Mothers Collective. Emma will share her holistic approach to health, focusing on nutrition, movement and mental wellbeing.

- Bulimba State School
- Friday 8 May
- 10am-12pm
- $45 per person

All proceeds support chaplaincy programs across our local schools, making a meaningful impact in the lives of students and families. Spots are limited—register now via the QR code in the attached flyer or at link brushfire.com/sua/hightea/627386

The **BRISBANE EAST DEANERY** will begin **UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE** at St Oliver Plunkett Thursday 23 April or St James Friday 24 April. For further information or to register interest, please contact Louise 0456 700 040

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: It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: 'We have seen the Lord'. With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe. 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

◆ FIRST Reading: Acts 2:42-47 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 ◆ GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.
The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.
The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.
They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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 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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