NEWSLETTER

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

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LOSERS CAN GRIN TOO

As our nation slowly comes to realise that as much as we are a "sports mad" country, we are not always the winners. This last summer has shown us that others can beat us at cricket, tennis, football and a dozen other endeavours where we have prided ourselves on being "simply the best". But one of the most positive outcomes of these mild defeats is the emergence of that cherished Australian spirit, of recognising and applauding excellence and endeavour wherever it is found. It seems clear that we are a surprisingly tolerant and accepting group, such that when division breaks out in our communities, we speak out against it, and embrace the fact that although we are many, we are one, and we can live with ambiguity and uncertainty.

One of the signs of a healthy spirituality is tolerance, that is, the ability not to jump to conclusions. This means we are slow to judge people and situations. Rather we are able to live contentedly with loose ends, ambiguity and diversity in our lives.

When faced with ambiguity most of us find it hard to be open-minded. Generally, we prefer a world that is divided into neat compartments labelled good and evil, right and wrong, black and white. We crave certainty.

Ambiguity is a reality of daily life, and a healthy culture and spirituality, knowing this, fosters open-mindedness and patience. It reminds us that certainty is not necessarily a goal of life. Anthony DeMello, SJ, warns us "Certainty is the sin of bigots, terrorists, and Pharisees"

Jesus certainly appreciated the ambiguities of life. On more than one occasion, he urged his disciples to keep and open mind and not jump to conclusions.
(Lk 13:8-9) The parable of the barren fig tree, and (Mt 13:29-3 Wheat and weeds growing together).

Jesus, too, appreciated and celebrated the diversity in people. In the gospels we see him choosing a diverse group of men to be his apostles. Several were fishermen, one a tax collector, one a religious zealot. A few were outspoken while others were reticent.
Nor did he limit discipleship to men only. He invited women to be his followers as well, even choosing them to be the first recipients of the good news of his resurrection. Jesus looked beyond the differences of personality, occupation, age, and gender and race and saw only the oneness of humanity.

But it is in his teaching on love that Jesus addressed the challenges of diversity most directly. We are not only to love our neighbours, which is often not all that difficult, since our neighbours are often people like ourselves. But then he gives us another commandment: we are to love our enemies, those individuals that we perceive as totally different, as "other", as "them". This commandment, to love our enemies, is nothing less than a call to tolerate maximum diversity. It's a command to give others - even those who oppose us, or look or speak differently, whose history, food, music, clothes and culture is new to us - the rights and opportunities that are freely available to all who call this great brown land their home.

Fr. Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 20 April to 26 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

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Brian Nolan, Neil Newman, Len Winter, Michael Swales, Jeanette Mecca, ***recently deceased and also for*** Mildred Bakunowicz, ,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

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS— At the back of the church there are some books (*novels, non-fiction*) which you might like to borrow. They provide some insight into First Nations People's history and culture which may inform us as we move toward the design of our **Parish Reconciliation Action Plan** (RAP).

This weekend we **welcome** Fr. David Willis from the Carina Dominican community to celebrate Sunday 5:30pm Mass. We thank him for assisting us in a time of need. Please make him feel welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
What do you call a camel with no humps?
Humphrey

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Support Catholic Earthcare or Caritas Australia's environmental programs.

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

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 Mass in the church.

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

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INTENSIVE—EQUIPPING TODAY'S LEADERS FOR TOMORROW'S CHURCH. This is a 10-week program designed for ministry leaders and volunteers to increase their leadership capacity and confidence. It integrates contemporary leadership practice with scripture and Catholic tradition, equipping participants with practical tools they can apply immediately in their parish context. Please see the below resource which may assist you to discern and consider enrolling (commencing 11 May in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane). The program runs Mondays 7-9pm. Eligible participants will be awarded an Archdiocesan Certificate in Leadership. Catholic Leadership Intensive Promotional Video
This promotional video may be helpful in explaining the purpose, focus and benefits of the Catholic Leadership Intensive. You can also find out more at tinyurl.com/CLI2026

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—for more than 50 years, World Wide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I Do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about two people learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple possible. Our weekends for this year are at Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Springfield a live out weekend 4th and 5th July and Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston 9th-11th October 2026. Please contact Liesha and Joseph on 0481 307 821 for further information or qldbookings@wwme.org.au

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

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: **FR PETER**
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!!!***

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

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

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.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE—all parishes will participate in safeguarding self-assessments in 2026 with details needing to be completed by 31 May. If your ministry training through Arch E-Learn is due for completion, please action as soon as possible. You may receive a reminder from 'Tribal Habits' the third party training platform adopted by the Archdiocese. This training ensures that workers and volunteers understand their responsibilities, are able to recognise indicators of abuse and harm, and know how to respond appropriately in line with legal and Archdiocesan requirements. Please note—Safeguarding training must be completed prior to volunteer commencement, with refresher training undertaken at intervals specified by the Archdiocese. Completion of required training is a condition of ongoing employment or volunteer engagement within the parish. Safeguarding effectiveness is supported through ongoing compliance monitoring, assurance, and continuous improvement.

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: We can hear the Lord's call in the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say "Lord, what will you have me do?" 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: 14, 22-33 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 24: 13-35

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

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
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 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:
I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'
'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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