NEWSLETTER

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026 (Year A)

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Saturday the 25th April was the solemn remembrance of Anzac Day. What does that mean today?
Anzac Day is a profound time for reflection, balancing solemn remembrance of sacrifice with a commitment to peace. It honours the 103,000 and more Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice and veterans who served, fostering gratitude and unity while acknowledging the lingering, heavy costs of war. It is a day to advocate for harmony, passing on stories of courage to build a better future.
It is undoubtedly a time to reflect on the lasting impacts of conflict—broken bodies, families, and communities—and honour the lives given to ensure peace and freedom.
ANZAC Day as a call to be advocates for peace, recognizing that soldiers fought so others would not have to.
Yes, it is good to recall and name the "Anzac Spirit" which beyond battles, represents mateship, empathy, resilience, and unity in facing challenges. But before we act out chest thumping pride, how does our society today reflect the hopes and dreams of those who gave their life for the future we create, we with our greed, scandalous inequality and increasing individualism that cares little for the other.
The silence at dawn services is a powerful form of reflection, bringing together sorrow and gratitude but surely greatest honour and gratitude can be given to those brave soldiers by our increasing demands for peace for all in our world.
Such demands though must be built upon our personal and determined desire to cultivate reconciliation and a shared future in a multicultural society.
God bless
Fr Kevin.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 26 April to 03 May 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (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 – Michelle Mecca, 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.

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

May is **DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH.** Our Lady of Graces Parish Carina is holding **Candlelight Prayers for Domestic Violence Victims** on 14 May 2026 between 6.00 and 7.00 pm and all in the deanery are invited. Together, we are called to promote respect, dignity and safety in all relationships.

FAREWELL - On **Sunday 3 May**, after the 8am Mass there will be a parish morning tea to farewell Sr. Gen who is leaving the Lourdes Hill Community after 11 years but will continue her membership of the Social Justice Group. Sr Gen has also been involved with Parish RCIA and liturgical ministry. We thank God for her presence among us and wish her good health and every happiness in this next phase of her religious life. God bless, Fr Kevin

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Offer to help elderly neighbours with recycling or garden care.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD— returns this Sunday during the 8am Mass. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.
Please note we will not offer CLOW on Sunday 10 May to allow our volunteers to celebrate Mother's Day.

SOCIAL JUSTICE committee meet this Sunday after the 8am Mass in the Parish Boardroom. Planning and discussion will continue to launch the Parish **Reconciliation Action Plan**. All welcome to join in the conversation.

ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If you need support, you are invited to our Carer's meeting to be held in the parish hall on Tuesday 28 April 2026 from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BULIMBA CHAPTER will meet on Thursday 7 May 2026 in the parish hall at 6pm. New members welcome

This Sunday, also known as **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** (26 April) is the World Day of Prayer for vocations. We ask you to join us in praying for new priestly and religious vocations. Please click the link to see Pope Leo XIV message for vocations https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/vocations/documents/20260316-messaggio-vocazioni.html

HOPE IN ACTION– A Dialogue on Mission. Catholic Mission warmly invites you to a special evening of faith and fellowship to welcome Cardinal Charles Maung Bo. Register to attend on Saturday 2 May 2026 at the Hanly Room, Charlotte St. Brisbane. https://tinyurl.com/CMCardinalBo (*See email attachment for more information*).

THE ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE is holding their seven session series to help couples build a thriving, life-long partnership. For information visit tinyurl.com/amc7nights

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, Margaret Robba.*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **DAVID SHETTY**
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!!!***

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS—seeking Blankets Donations. As winter approaches, the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Benedicts and St Joseph's anticipate requests for blankets will start to increase. In a move to save our local Vinnies Conference funds we are asking parishioners who may have unwanted blankets in their households to consider donating these essential items to our Conference. If you can help, please leave any donations at the pious goods stall at the front of the church you attend. All donations will be gratefully received. In 2026 we have welcomed 3 new members who have joined our conference. Welcome to Mike, Owen ,and Kate!! Our conference meets at St Joseph's church at 6.00pm every 3 weeks on a Monday. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday May 18**. Newcomers are always 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. Every 5 years, to coincide with the Australian National Census, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference asks for extra data on parish Mass attendance. Forming part of this year's count you will be asked in weeks three and four to provide some demographic information such as age and gender. We appreciate your participation. THANK YOU

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will return next Sunday 3 May 2026 during 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 follows Mass—all welcome

ANOINTING MASS—will be held at 9am on Friday 1 May 2026 at St Luke's Buranda. This is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and ageing, and is a sacred moment when we pray for God's grace to strengthen someone who is suffering from any form of illness. All welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD -
Wednesday 29 April NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
Friday 1 May Anointing Mass @ St Luke's

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: This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations: "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest". 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, 36- 41 ◆ SECOND Read-

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

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
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, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.
This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL

John 10: 1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.
Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.
So Jesus spoke to them again:
'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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