NEWSLETTER

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 August 2026 (Year A)

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Fruitful Ground

We are very fortunate to live in parishes where there are many important ministries working hard each day to make the message and the presence of God felt by many, particularly by those who are yet to hear Gods' voice.

But perhaps the most important of our ministries is one that gets very little attention and has trouble surviving because most people don't really see the point. It's the Children Liturgy of the Word. We often have difficulty finding generous people who are prepared to offer their time to helping young people hear the word of God pitched at the level of young people. The children who attend seem to enjoy it, but it would seem that many parents don't even see the need to bring their children to mass, let alone encourage them to attend the children's liturgy of the word gathering.

The American theologian, Monica Hellwig wrote: "a child's mind is like a seed. It can make barren ground fruitful, but it is a fragile and vulnerable thing. If we don't carefully tend it and feed it properly, it is very hard to get it to grow the right way". She went on to tell us that most adult Catholics learn their understanding of God and our connection to God from well-intentioned, but most ill-informed adults, yet we have held on to those beliefs without any enhancement or rational application for the rest of our lives.

I believe that she is saying if we don't nurture and feed our faith knowledge then we are doomed to thinking about and applying the Word of God at 80 years the same way we did when we first heard about God around 8 years of age. That, to me, is an uncomfortable truth.

Words, any words, contain an enormous amount of power: Power to change, to comfort, to inspire, to teach, to correct, to challenge or change a life. Similarly, they can come to nothing and evaporate into the ether. Words are totally dependent on the one who speaks or write them as well as the one who reads or hears them. And so, it is with the word of God.

Blessings,
Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 17 August to 23 August 2026				
	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (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 • KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests—please pray for the departed loved ones and those suffering illness from Bulimba, Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane and Buranda parishes, especially Kenneth Fuller, Roy Hogan, Mardi Macdonald ***recently deceased and also for*** Caitlin Donohue, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera, Patricia Romero, Ross Saffioti, Margaret Turpin, Sandra Swales, Candelario Iquin, Ted Mazur, Joyce Dickens.
Please remember the sick – Kay Bradnock, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee, Margaret Robba, Connie Sladen, Kim Koster, Bryce Caughey.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026
FOR ALL CHILDREN ACROSS PARISHES OF
BULIMBA AND KANGAROO POINT
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 to be held at parish hall of Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba.
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 requirements will be explained at these sessions with resources available to enrol your child

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **KATHY WESSEL** (again! Congrats)

RCIA GATHERING—for those journeying towards the Catholic faith. Please note date change—the next meeting will be held at St Benedict's East Brisbane @ 7pm on **Wednesday 19 August 2026**.

BULIMBA ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS—the Parish Vinnies group acknowledges with thanks monies raised by the Bake Stall in support of victims of Family & Domestic Violence. If you wish to donate to, or otherwise support the work of Vinnies in the Parish assisting those in need in our community, please contact the Parish Office for further info.

ST LUKE'S PARISHIONERS are encouraged to bring their cans and bottles for recycling towards **Containers for Change**. They can be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer.

BULIMBA PARISH BAKE STALL—Thank you to all our volunteers and generous bakers and those who supported the bake stall last weekend. $629 was raised and will be donated to St Vincent de Paul Family and Domestic Violence program to assist those in crisis.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children receiving the **Sacrament of First Communion** at Masses this weekend. We hope these weeks of preparation have been a blessed time for you and your child/ren. Handing on faith and completing their sacramental initiation is not just the fulfillment of what you promised at their baptism, but it is also a unique time of grace. Your guidance and prayers with your child are a powerful experience in their faith development and understanding of God. Please keep these families in your prayers.

LOOKING AHEAD…

Monday 24 August	Fr Kevin on annual leave
Tuesday 25 August	Carer's meeting @ Sts Peter & Paul
Wednesday 26 August	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane

A REMINDER TO SAVE YOUR STAMPS—sale of these stamps goes to the Sisters of St Joseph to support rural communities in Peru. Please place in an envelope to reach the parish office.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Where do bad rainbows go? *To prism.*
It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Lifestyle and Community — Nurture Creation Together
Plant a tree, care for a community garden
or participate in a local clean-up.

MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be held at the later time of 10am on **Saturday 15 August 2026** at Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba. We welcome Fr David Willis OP from the Dominican community at Carina to celebrate with us. Please make him feel welcome.

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The **PARISH RECONCILIATION CONSULATION GROUP** is discussing how the Parish should best implement the Archdiocesan RAP. There is support to continue to provide opportunities for parishioners to learn about Aboriginal culture and history. On **Saturday 22 August** from 10am - 12pm, Archdiocesan Ministries are presenting a RAP Networking event—**Honouring Country: History, Culture and Connection** at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank. Anyone interested can register at tinyurl.com/rapnetaug26. Tickets are $10. If you would like transport to and from the event, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOKING AHEAD—Bulimba **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** will meet on **Sunday 23 August 2026** after the 8am Sunday Mass in the parish boardroom. Consider joining the conversation.

PARISH LADIES LUNCH - will be held on **Thursday 27 August 2026** at 11am at the Pineapple Hotel. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. We'd love to see you there. Everyone welcome. Please RSVP to Catherine by 24 August 2026 on 0438 649 568.

Next weekend (*22/23 August*), our parish will support the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN.** This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese, to provide support for local ministries and care for people in need in our own communities.

Funds raised will directly impact our parish and local communities. The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, care for our elderly and retired priests, provides access to a Catholic education to children in need and hope to those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail, return it to the collection plate next week or hand to the parish office. If you prefer, you can also scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity and faithfulness.

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 so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries, races, or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people. 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

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

O God, Let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
and healed all who were sick.
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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain.
I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.
Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.'
But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'
He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'
But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.'
He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.'
Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.'
And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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