NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2026 (Year A)

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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.

Fr Sang, Fr Prem, Fr Kevin, Sr Stephanie at her first profession

From the Homily of Archbishop Shane for Catholic Campaign Sunday.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks a question that is as personal now as it was then: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with a simple but profound confession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

What follows is important. Jesus doesn't stop with praise for Peter's insight. He entrusts him with responsibility: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." Faith, in other words, is never just something we hold inwardly. It calls us outward — into relationship, into service, into shared responsibility for the life of the Church.

We build the Church whenever faith takes flesh in practical love: when compassion is offered to those who are struggling, when dignity is upheld, when the vulnerable are cared for, and when the future is prepared with attention and hope. That is what we all strive to do every day as part of the Church across our Archdiocese. And it is what the Annual Catholic Campaign exists to support. Through this campaign, we are able to sustain ministries that consistently, faithfully live out our Gospel commitment to provide concrete support to people.

So today is an invitation — not only to give, but to recognise ourselves as part of this shared mission. When we support the Church's work, we are participating in something larger than ourselves. Following Peter's example, we are saying, in our own way, "You are the Christ" — and allowing that profession of faith to shape how we live. I invite you to support the Annual Catholic Campaign prayerfully and generously, and to consider an amount that is meaningful to you.

As we come to the Eucharist, we place our lives once again into God's hands, trusting in his wisdom and grace. May our faith, like Peter's, be both confident and active, and may our generosity help ensure that the Church continues to be a place of hope, compassion, and service for those who need it most. Together, may we allow God to keep building his Church among us — here and now, and into the future.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 24 August to 30 August 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (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)

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 Michael Kotiw, Kenneth Fuller, Roy Hogan ***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, 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.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **J. THURBON**

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.

LOOKING AHEAD…

Wednesday 26 August	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
Friday 28 August	Fr Kevin on annual leave

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY - East Brisbane State School is working with Church@theGabba and Harvester's Storehouse Ltd to provide free in-date, non-perishable food items for people in the community who need support. If you would like to support this cause you can drop off these goods to the Baptist church at the Gabba, 34 Trafalgar St Woolloongabba between 1-5pm. Quite often the entry is locked, so a phone call in advance will help at 3891 9210. Thank you again for your generosity.

ST JOSEPH'S RIVERFIRE FAMILY FESTIVAL will be held on **Saturday 5 September** on the School oval from 4pm to 7pm. All parishioners are invited for Food * Live Music * Dance * Face Painting * Fireworks
Tickets via Qkr! App. *Download instructions attached to mail out*. You can purchase tickets as a guest (*no need to register a child*) by searching for St Joseph's Primary Kangaroo Point, then select Riverfire Family Festival event. Thank you for your support.

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 a Carer's meeting to be held in the parish hall of Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba on **Tuesday 25 August 2026** from 10am-12pm

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
There was a very angry fly in my front door!
How did I know he was angry?
He flew off the handle!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Integrate Faith & Action —Spiritual Connection
Link daily sustainable choices with stewardship of God's creation , remembering Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

Bulimba **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** will meet this **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.

This weekend 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.

If you have a giving envelope you collected last weekend ensure you pop it on the collection plate at this weekend's Mass. You may have already popped it in the mail box, handed into the Parish office or scanned the QR code on the envelope for a gift online. Thank your for your faithful generosity and for making sure our Church continues to be a source of hope, compassion, and service for those who need it most.

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: Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used for good or for ill. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love. 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.

Multicultural Mass 2026

All are invited to the annual Archdiocese of Brisbane Multicultural Mass, celebrating the rich diversity of the Catholic Church across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities, marking the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Stay after Mass for cultural performances, refreshments and children's activities. All welcome to wear traditional or cultural dress.

When: 30 August | 2pm – 5pm

Where: Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

Register and find out more: **tinyurl.com/MultiMass26**

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 11:33-36 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter; the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
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,

FIRST READING Isaiah 22: 19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.
To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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