NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

"**Strive to enter by the narrow door**," says Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel. These words challenge us to reflect on the burdens we carry - pride, fear, hardship, injustice - that might stop us from entering the Kingdom of God. The Gospel reminds us that all are invited to the feast, but the path is narrow and demands that we lay down whatever weighs us down.

In his homily video, Archbishop Mark explains that some people carry burdens like poverty, violence, or illness. Things they did not choose and cannot carry alone. Others may be burdened by judgement or exclusion, turning away those Jesus came to welcome. The Church, then, must be a community that helps to lift burdens, not add to them.

This is where the Annual Catholic Campaign comes in. The Campaign supports five key ministries that help people from all walks of life move closer to the "narrow door":

- **The MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund**, providing education to children in need
- **Holy Spirit Seminary**, forming future priests to serve our communities
- **The Priests Foundation**, caring for our retired priests
- **Centacare's Pastoral Ministries**, offering support in hospitals, prisons, counselling and family services
- **The Annual Grants Program**, seeding parish and community projects in areas like youth ministry and care for the poor

By supporting this Campaign, we help lift the weight from others' shoulders, and even our own. In doing so, we live out the Gospel invitation to make room at the feast of the Kingdom for all God's people. Together, through your generosity, we can bring hope and support to our community.

When making your gift, please put your donation inside the envelope provided so it remains separate from the parish collection. Alternatively, please support the campaign online here: https://bit.ly/3vORkl3 We **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 25 August to 31 August 2025

	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

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Richard Peacoke, Cielo Patricia Medrano Lindarte, Purita Cagaanan ***recently deceased and also for*** Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Mary Margaretta Packiam, John and Clare Smith, Muriel Jones, Margert Turpin, Sandra Swales, George Bracken, Paul Troja, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Ann Toomey, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmons and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Ross Saffioti, Saffioti and Jarrett families, Candelario Iquin.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez (nee Cullen), Natalina Rossi, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree.

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 held in the parish hall on Tuesday 26 August from 10am-12pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet next Sunday 31 August after the 8am Mass in the parish boardroom. All those interested in social justice issues are invited and welcome to join the conversation.

COMMUNITY 'RIVERFIRE' SAUSAGE SIZZLE—you are invited to enjoy Regina Caeli parish's stunning panorama for Riverfire—a great vantage point! Saturday 6 September from 5-8pm at 81 Waverley Road, Camp Hill. BYO chair, sausage sizzle, soup and cold and hot drinks available to purchase. Multi-draw raffle drawn on the night. All welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Four engineers get into a care. The car won't start.
Mechanical engineer: It's a broken starter
Electrical engineer: Dead Battery
Chemical engineer: Impurities in the petrol
IT engineer: Hey guys, I have an idea. How about we all get out of the car and get back in!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Listen and respond to the cry of the Earth,
the cry of the poor and the cry of our future.

Check recycling habits. Use your yellow bin for all that is recyclable and for nothing that should not go in there.

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN This weekend, our parish joins others across the Archdiocese to support local ministries and people in need. Your generosity makes a real difference in ensuring the Church can continue its good works in times of need. Please place your donation inside the envelope provided (separate from the parish collection). Add your details to the envelope to receive a tax receipt. Alternatively, you can donate online here: https://bit.ly/370HAvl **THANK YOU** for your kindness and support!

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week and thank you to all involved in preparing them. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their faith journey.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

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

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **KATHY WESSEL**
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!!!***

PARISH LADIES LUNCH—You are invited to join at the Pineapple Hotel on **Thursday 28 August** at 11am for lunch. It's a great way to catch up with friends and meet new ones. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Catherine by 26 August on 0438 649 568.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON AT ST LUKE'S—join us for an afternoon of beautiful music at St Luke's on **Thursday, 28 August at 2pm**, followed by a relaxed afternoon tea. This is a free event and all are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE there will be no 8am Mass next Wednesday 27 August at East Brisbane.

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 next weekend is at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston 17-19 October and concluding approximately 4pm with Mass Sunday. The weekend is for all Married couples who value their relationship. It doesn't matter if you have been married 5 years or 55 years there is always something more. Please contact Liesha and Joseph on 0481 307 821 or qldbookings@wwme.org.au Watch **Archbishop Mark Coleridge support video** http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44 or for more information go to the website: www.wwme.org.au.

TRUTH-TELLING, TREATY AND RECONCILIATION— a *timely conversation about how we continue to walk together toward justice and healing.* You are invited to join the Laurel Blow Speaker Series for anyone wanting to grow in their understanding with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and actively participate in the journey of reconciliation within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 5 September at Hillstone, St Lucia. To purchase tickets visit https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/REC_Dinner25

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: Will you help gather people to be a part of the Kingdom of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. (Isaiah 66:18-21) 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

THE ORDER OF THE MASS MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 ◆ SECOND Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

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

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through 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.
Bless'd 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 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.
'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"
'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.
'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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