NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 August 2026 (Year A)

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GROUNDED OR STUCK?

If nothing ever changed in your life about the way you see God right here and now, would you be satisfied?
If your understanding of who God is stayed just as it is now, would you be content?
If nothing new was ever revealed to you about God's compassion, forgiveness and love other than what you presently understand, would you live and die a happy person?

In our attempt to develop healthy and active spiritual lives it is very important to sometimes address the difficult question: "Am I well-grounded and satisfied with my life or simply stuck and don't know how to move?"

To be grounded is to be at home with who we are and yet ever open to growth, to be peaceful and productive, content and creative. To be able to make choices based on knowledge and understanding, not avoiding choices out of fear or insecurity.

Being stuck is to live a life of compromise and resignation, of never hoping or believing that life could be any different, where life is cramped and unfulfilling, though safe and familiar.

We become stuck when we let past failures, poor decisions and missed opportunities make us unforgiving of ourselves and cynical about life.

We become stuck when we let ill-health and the normal aches and pains of growing old make us crabby and less appreciative of the small blessings.

We become stuck when we let envy of others, consume us or let the pains of past intimate relationships keep us from being loving and vulnerable.

When we are stuck we seem to act as though we have been given only one chance at life and are afraid of blowing it by making a bad choice.

It really is okay to make midcourse adjustments as we walk our path. There are times in all our lives when we must forgive ourselves for past mistakes, poor choices and missed opportunities in order to move ahead.

Only then can we accept God's gracious invitation to be co-creators of lives that speak of the marvellous opportunity that human life represents.

Blessings for the week ahead,
Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 31 August to 6 September 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday			8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Adoration)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	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 Elaine Kamp, Stephen Baker, Sr Helen Ryan SGS, 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., Leoncio Rodriguez.
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: **ISOBEL SOWERBY**

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.

WELCOME to Frs Bavin Clarke, Francis Belcina and Frank Jones who will celebrate Mass at Bulimba this weekend as Fr Kevin begins his annual leave. Please make them feel welcome.
Note there will be NO weekday Masses while Fr Kevin is on leave, however Adoration will still be offered on Friday mornings from 8am.

The next **RCIA GATHERING** for those interested in journeying with the Catholic church will be held at 7pm , **Wednesday 2 September 2026** at St Benedict's, East Brisbane.

ANOINTING MASS—will be held at 9am on **Friday 4 September 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.

ST JOSEPH'S RIVERFIRE FAMILY FESTIVAL will be held on **Saturday 5 September 2026** on the School oval from 4pm to 7pm. All parishioners are invited for Food * Live Music * Dance * Face Painting * Fireworks
Tickets via Qkr! App. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next **Sunday 6 September 2026** during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of under-standing.
PARISH MORNING TEA at St Joseph's follows Mass—all welcome.

Thanks to those who so generously donated to Emmanual City Mission clothing for the homeless. The items most needed are men's clothes of track suits, jumpers, joggers and polo shirts. There is not a great need for women's clothes currently.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN warmly invites couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage and above to the annual **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS.** Saturday 26 September 2026 at 11.30am, the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Family are friends are welcome to attend.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
A man is getting petrol when the attendant notices a penguin in the back seat of the car. 'Is that a penguin in your car?' the attendant asks, 'You should take it to the zoo!'
The man agrees, 'Yeah, okay good idea, I will'.
The next week he comes back to the petrol station with the penguin still in the back seat. 'I thought you were going to take the penguin to the zoo?' the attendant says. 'I did,' the man replied. 'He loved it so much, we're going to the aquarium next week!'.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Season of Creation 2026
When did you last take a moment to enjoy the gift of nature? Does your care of the environment reflect your appreciation of God's gift?

THE SEASON OF CREATION runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation in 2026 is "Living Water"
Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2026 is available at https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2026/messaggio-papa-leone-xiv-giornata-preghiera-creato-2026.html
The Bulimba Social Justice Committee invite you to pause and read the weekly reflection and prayer (*attached to newsletter mail out or at the church doors*).

Last weekend, parishes held an appeal for the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN** in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Shane's call for support.
If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time.
If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or place on the collection plate during Mass. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au
Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic ministries in our local community.
Thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity.

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY SCRIPTURE GROUP will begin the *Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* study by Jeff Cavins.
There will be morning sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays. The course will run for eight weeks, finishing on Friday 30 October 2026. For further information or to register your interest, please contact Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.

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: Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less-travelled road. 'What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?' 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 12:1-2 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

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

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
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 Jeremiah 20: 7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.'
But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'
Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?
'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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