NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-Second 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.

TAKING CONTROL

"In God's eye, addictions are avenues for salvation". This was said to me many years ago by a wonderful priest, now deceased, Fr Gerry Nichol, who was largely responsible for bringing the Alcoholics Anonymous programme to Queensland. While coming to terms with his own addiction he realised that he might be able to assist others who were dealing with the same fears for themselves and those they loved. He said that his addiction was the proof he needed that he could not manage the job of being his own saviour. For a person with any addiction, no matter what they do, no matter how many degrees they get, no matter how many times a day they try to be someone different, they eventually realise they need a "higher power" to rescue them. He was an outstanding life coach to so many people.

Some of the happiest, healthiest and holiest people I know are recovering alcoholics who speak freely of their addiction they are powerless over. It's as though they have found a sort of freedom in being able to say "I can't handle it and I won't fight it anymore". I can't imagine the relief one must feel in being able to let go of the battles and ask Christ to be one's champion. Many, like Fr. Gerry, will even go so far as to say they are grateful for their addiction, because it was through it that they found God and even found themselves. Sounds a lot like Saint Paul, doesn't it?

> *I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness,*
> *so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.* (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Every one of us is an addict in some form. Perhaps it isn't something that is publically recognised or has a support group. It may be something that only we know about. It is usually something that we accept we have no control over and leads us to situations we would rather not go to. It is usually accompanied by fear and secrecy. Every one of us clings too tightly to one thing or another. If we are not careful our addictions can destroy us. They may flatten us quickly. Or they may corrode us little by little, leaving us impotent and lifeless. That is if we do not choose to use our addictions to lead us to the altar of Christ – the place where Christians celebrate the broken body of our Lord. It is in that brokenness that we are made whole.

> *"my grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness".*

Fr. Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 1 September to 7 September 2025

	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)

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Bulimba chapter meet Thursday 4 September at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome to attend.

PARISH MORNING TEA will be offered after Sunday 8am Mass on 7 September. All welcome to join in for hospitality and conversation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet this 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.
Do electricians listen to AC-DC or something more current?

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.

Vegetable scraps can be buried in the garden—nourish the soil and reduce landfill methane

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support. By donating to the Annual Catholic 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. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took an envelope home, please return it via the plate at Mass or pop it in the mail. You can also give online here: https://bit.ly/370HAvI
Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time and generosity.

OBLATE YOUTH AUSTRALIA ENCOUNTER NIGHTS—Young parishioners, you are invited to join the Oblate Youth Australia for a fun night of faith encountering activities and dinner, this Sunday 31 August from 5pm to 8pm, at Iona College Chapel. Register here https://forms.gle/tfTPgEp3tHV8nHbT7

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who received 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: **JILL THURBON**
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!!!***

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next Sunday 7 September in the Coolock Room during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. Kangaroo Point. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

PARISH MORNING TEA to celebrate Father's Day will follow the 9am Mass on Sunday 7 September. All parishioners welcome.

ANOINTING MASS will be held at 9am on **Friday 5 September at St Luke's Buranda**. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and aging, 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…
1 September St Vincent de Paul, Kangaroo Point chapter meeting
3 September 8am Mass at St Benedict's
5 September Anointing Mass 9am @ St Luke's, Buranda
7 September Children's Liturgy of the Word 9am @St Joseph's followed by Parish Morning Tea

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND GALA - A Celebration of Community, Giving, and Play

You are invited to join for a vibrant night out at St Joseph's Primary School, Kangaroo Point's signature fundraising event for 2025!

To be held on **Saturday 13 September** at **Future Magic Brew Co.**, this evening brings together our community in support of a wonderful cause: revitalising our much-loved but aging school playgrounds—spaces where creativity, connection, and childhood flourish.

Your Ticket Includes:
- Canapés and a 3-hour drinks package featuring wine, soft drinks and Future Magic beers
- Live music featuring the St Joseph's Music-Staff Band
- Entry to our lucky door prize draw
- Photo booth, games, and more prizes on the night
- Access to exclusive raffle and art auction
- A thank-you gift bag filled with over $100 in discounts and gifts from local businesses

Tickets available at the following link https://events.humanitix.com/the-playground-gala

DATE CLAIMER - Parishioners of Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane parish are invited to a parish gathering at the recently renovated Lord Stanley Hotel at East Brisbane on Saturday evening 4 October following the 5pm Mass at Saint Benedict's. Reservations will be required. Please leave your name and contact at the piety stall at either Church. More details to follow.

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: Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognise your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 141, 7-14) 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: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 ◆ SECOND Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
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 Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL Luke 14:7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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