NEWSLETTER

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 August 2025 (Year C)

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Not many of us can say, "I am the same person now as I was 30 years ago." Life tends to bring our goodness to the fore and at the same time smooth away some of our rough edges. Helpful and sometimes not so helpful advice and events all play a part in developing and growing our personalities. In the Christian context we call this lifelong process conversion. God does not want us to stay the same. There is far too much beyond us to discover and even more within us to appreciate. The spark of the divine which is the presence of Christ held in the vessel of our lives is constantly at work.

This week we have two wonderful reminders of what it means to grow and change. On Wednesday, the Feast of the Transfiguration, Jesus' appearance changes as he speaks with Moses, Elijah and the disciples. This physical change is dramatic and overwhelming. But for those who believe in Jesus, we hope one day to share in that same light and glory. We believe that one day we too will be reunited with others in the power and life of the risen Lord. That is where all genuine change and growth will lead us.

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop, on Friday gives us a living example of how that glory of Jesus can be seen and made real today. This Aussie woman's faith, compassion and forgiveness is a path for us to follow as we continue to develop into the people God has called us to be. Since the reality of the Cross means a bumpy ride is inevitable the road to change is well worth the journey.

God bless,

Fr Kevin.

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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.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 4 August to 10 August 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	9am (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 Leo Abbott, Sr Hiro Kageyama SGS, David French, Cielo Patricia Medrano Lindarte, ***recently deceased and also for*** 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.
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, Carol Visueshwara, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin.

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP—Mass on Friday, 8th August will be at **9.00am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop with the school community. Adoration will follow. All are welcome.

FAMILY MASS & PARISH BAKE STALL—Join us for the **Family Mass on Sunday, 10th August at 8am**, followed by our Parish Bake Stall. The Bake Stall will also run on **Saturday, 9th August at 5:30pm**. All proceeds support our Social Justice initiatives.

DROP IN FRIDAY—you're invited to join in the conversation and stay for morning tea, 10am in the parish hall Friday 8 August 2025. This is a great morning of conversation and hospitality. Why not consider attending?

CATHOLIC FORMATION—MODULE TWO: UNDERSTANDING, PRAYING AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES - join this ten-week formation course starting Monday 4 August at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Deepen your faith through Scripture. Brochures at church doors or visit www.catholicformation.au

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.

Remember to snip the security ring on plastic bottle lids.
These are dangerous to small animals.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Celebration of Confirmation—Thursday 28 August

PASCHAL CANDLES—Several large paschal candles from previous years and with sacred symbols removed can be cut and repurposed. Perhaps a Men's Shed contact could assist us. Bees wax is a great lubricant for a circular saw!

CHURCH CENTENARY—The church of Sts Peter and Paul was blessed and opened in December 1926. Next year will be **100 years** since that event and I believe it most appropriate that we acknowledge our centenary year in various ways. There will be a meeting at the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 2nd August at 10am** for those who have some ideas about how to celebrate this wonderful event. This will be a brainstorming of suggestions and ideas. If you can't make the meeting, please send your ideas to: bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Bulimba chapter meet Thursday 7 August at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome to attend.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time *— Caitlin Donohue, Terry Skehan.* ***Please remember the sick in your prayers*** *- Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Paul Mann.*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **JULIE JOGHAN**
Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw simply need to speak 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!!!***

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment in the Church, allowing people to explore their calling, and encourage their next step in following the call of God. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next Sunday 3 August 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 will follow the 9am Mass on Sunday 3 August. All parishioners welcome.

PARISH LADIES LUNCH—Please join us at the Pineapple Hotel on **Thursday 28 August at 11.00am** for lunch. It's a great way to catch up with friends and meet new ones. Everyone is welcome! RSVP to Catherine by 26/8 on 0438649568.

SAVE THE DATE—To acknowledge the extraordinary service of Betty and Jessie Bourke and Shirley Hallinan, **parish morning tea** will be held in **St Luke's** theatre area on **SUNDAY 10 AUGUST** following the 8.00am Mass. Be sure to mark your calendars and come along to the celebration.

SAVE THE DATE – MULTICULTURAL MASS 2025 Celebrate faith and culture at the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, 24 August at 2pm**, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, Inala. Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge and cultural communities across the Archdiocese for a vibrant afternoon of prayer, music, and celebration. Traditional dress encouraged. All welcome!

SAVE THE DATE – MUSICAL AFTERNOON AT ST LUKE'S. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music at St Luke's on **Thursday, 28th August at 2pm**, followed by a relaxed afternoon tea. This is a free event and all are welcome! To help with catering, please RSVP by **Friday, 18th August** to: **stlukes@bne.catholic.net.au**.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL – Thank you to all who supported our recent Winter Appeal across St Luke's, St Benedict's, and St Joseph's. A total of **$2,500** was raised, exceeding last year's amount! Those parishioners who requested a receipt, receipts can be collected after Mass this weekend at the Pious Goods stall.

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: This National Vocation Awareness Week, Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have a true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:13-21) 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

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!
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.

READINGS

◆ FIRST Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 ◆ SECOND Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

SECOND READING — Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL — Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to. Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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