NEWSLETTER

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

21 December 2025 (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.

WITH GRATITUDE

It's sometimes helpful to recall what our parish communities looked like back in the 80s and 90s. Four separate parishes pastored by six fulltime priests, all living next to the churches with administrative assistants in each parish. Much has changed in the way our parishes operate over the past 30 years. Smaller clergy numbers, helped enormously by the generosity of our overseas priests, who have accepted a difficult call to work in a country and culture sometimes very removed from their own. This program however has brought with it a cultural change in our parish life that needs assessing and discerning. Thirty years ago, there were up to 55 seminarians from the Brisbane Archdiocese getting ready to take on the exciting role of being pastors in parishes where they were known and welcomed by those whose they knew well. It's only in recent times that we have had to ask the questions: could our parishes work cooperatively and how would they work with fewer priests? Would we have to close churches or radically change the Mass schedules? What would have to cease?

The only way parish life can prosper is through the power of the laity. Thanks to the renowned and infectious spirit of making the very best of what we have, this year ends with not just our survival but our growth. Generous lay people have given their advice, time and treasure to make sure that we don't spend too much time looking back but keep focussing on the road ahead. Hardworking volunteers keep oiling the machine; an army of liturgical ministers and pastoral carers ensure that all who need access to our sacramental life are given every assistance to do so. Servers, readers, welcomers, musicians, singers, florists, decorators and cleaners step up unselfishly, to make our Churches look and sound good when it comes to public worship. Our parish, finance, liturgy and school committees and councils as well as God's special people, the collection counters, make sure we don't stray too far from the path.

At this festive time of the year, we wish to offer a public thanks for making us work harder and be happy doing so. To parishioners and visitors to our many churches, our gratitude is for your welcome and encouragement, for your recognising that while some things need to change, there are many other traditions that need to be maintained so that we can hold on to the distinctions that make us uniquely who we are as God's people in this magnificent part of Australia.

May you and your families have a joyous Christmas and a new year full of delightful surprises.

You all come back now!!!!!

Fr. Peter Dillon VG. Administrator – East Brisbane / Kangaroo Point & Buranda Parishes
Fr. Kevin Smith PP. Bulimba Parish

Liturgy and Prayers This Week **22 December 2024 to 28 December 2024**

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	Christmas (5pm + 8pm)	Christmas (5pm)		Christmas (5pm)
Thursday	Christmas (8.30am)	Christmas (8am)	Christmas (9am)	
Saturday	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 Neil Trottier, John Parely Snr, Sr Rita Fitt, SGS ***recently deceased and also for*** Noel Nicholson, Celestina Marallag, Eddie Pagulayan, Anna Torcaso, 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, Candelario Iquin, Ross Saffioti, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera.
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, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL! Thank you to everyone who donated. Your support is truly appreciated for families in the community. Merry Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS—ROSTERS are now at the church doors. We still have vacancies to fill. Please consider how you can assist across the Masses to make them a joyous occasion. THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS—please note the parish office hours will be reduced between Christmas and New Year. Please leave a message or send an email if urgent and we will respond as soon as possible. THANK YOU

PLEASE NOTE—Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will be offered at 9am on Thursday 1st January 2026.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a $20 note in it. Now there are twenty $1 coins." The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a purse, there was no change for a reward."

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si ' this Christmas
An ethically sound Christmas is a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season, while positively impacting the world and your Christmas budget! Only buy what you need, and when you do, try to buy with the earth and the community in mind.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ALL PARISHES
available on the flyer at church doors

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE
St Joseph's — Christmas Eve 5pm (Nativity at 4.30pm)
St Benedict's — Christmas Day 9am

BURANDA
St Luke's — Christmas Eve 5pm; Christmas Day 8am

BULIMBA
Sts Peter and Paul's — Christmas Eve 5pm and 8pm; Christmas Day 8.30am

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Philip Cahill* ***and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time*** *Ruby and Les Richards, Francis Xavier* ***Please remember the sick in your prayers*** *- Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Mary Leahy, Angelina Lee*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **HELEN CASWELL**
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!!!***

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY @ ST JOSEPH'S—will take place at 4.30pm before the 5pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Children are warmly invited to take part in roles such as narrators, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Kings, Innkeepers and the Drummer Boy. To register your child's interest, please text Nick Tyler on 0422 961 927. Rehearsals will be held in the Church on **Saturday 20 December** at 8.30am and **Tuesday 23 December** at 4.30pm.

RECTIFICATION WORKS at St Luke's—just a reminder works are continuing. The boom knuckle and scaffolding have now been removed, however access to the church may still be impacted. We ask for your patience during this process. **THANK YOU**

LOOKING AHEAD
20 December **Nativity Rehearsal**—St Joseph's Church 8.30am
23 December **Nativity Rehearsal**—St Joseph's Church 4.30pm
24 December **NO** 8am Mass at East Brisbane
25 December Fr Peter Wieneke, joins for 8am Mass at St Luke's

VINNIES EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE—members of the East Brisbane/ Kangaroo Point St Vincent de Paul Society Conference wish to express our sincere thanks for the very generous ways parishioners have actively supported our annual Christmas Appeal. Thank you for the many donations of food items left under the Christmas trees located at St Luke's at Buranda, St Benedict's at East Brisbane, and St Joseph's at Kangaroo Point. Our members delivered 30 Christmas hampers to people across the local area on Saturday to help make Christmas a little more enjoyable. Sincere thank you to those parishioners who offered some very handsome cash donations at this time as well. Some of these funds will be utilised to assist local families who will face some healthy expenses in the new year with back-to-school costs. Our members take this opportunity wish every member of our parish a happy and holy Christmas.
Parishioners who indicated they required a receipt for cash donations will receive the receipt in the mail, where a postal address was supplied. Otherwise, receipts can be collected at the piety stall.
May you share in the joy and peace of the Christmas season !!

STAMP OUT POVERTY WITH YOUR USED STAMPS—please send your used stamps to the parish office for charity. THANK YOU.

POSTION VACANT—St Thomas', Camp Hill are seeking a dedicated SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR to join the parish team. This important role supports the faith journey of children, families and parishioners through the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments, including Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance. Those interested in the role can find further information at the following link.https://www.seek.com.au/archdiocese-jobs/in-All-Brisbane-QLD?jobId=88871939&type=standard
undergo regular criminal history checks.

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL—Young adults (18+) are invited to join at Our Lady of Victories parish, Bowen Hills from 7pm Wednesday 31 December 2025. Visit trybooking.com/DHMAM to purchase your $40 tickets.

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

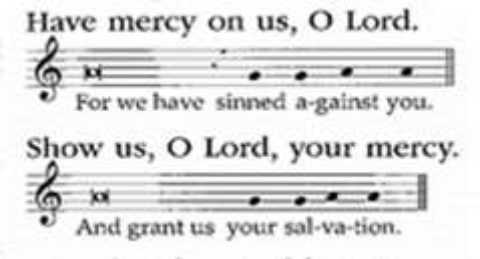
A VOCATION VIEW: Vocations from God are not always evident. Not all of us are like Joseph, who had an angel appear to him saying, 'Take Mary as your wife, and fear not.' (Matthew 1:18-24). Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow 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 MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans1:1-7 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

PENITENTIAL ACT



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'
Then Isaiah said:
'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.
This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'
Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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