NEWSLETTER

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

Second Sunday of Advent

7 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.

The 1920s was a time of extraordinary growth for the Catholic Church in Australia and particularly here in Brisbane. Most of that growth goes undoubtedly to the faith, enthusiasm and vision of Brisbane's Archbishop James Duhig. Within our own Brisbane East Deanery, we have recently or soon will celebrate centenaries of parishes, churches, schools and other institutions across these near city southern suburbs. This weekend sees another such centenary. The Bulimba Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society commenced gathering to pray, grow in faith and serve in the example of Frederick Oznam on 28 December 1925.

While Duhig was determined to build with bricks and mortar, Vinnies builds up the church with love and sacrifice. Their ministry is and always was a living response to the call of Christ to follow Him. Conference members show us how to love our neighbour. To the question, "and who is my neighbour?" Vinnies once again show us the way with courage and generosity, free of any judgement or discrimination.

We thank God for the faithful love lived among us by Conference members for so many years. What is always encouraging to me, in whichever parish I have know the Vinnies, they are always quick to acknowledge the generosity of fellow parishioners who support their work.

St Vincent de Paul, St Louise de Marilac, Blessed Frederick Oznam… Pray for us.

God bless,
Fr Kevin.
Dean of East Brisbane Deanery.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 7 December to 13 December 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 Neil Trottier, John Parely Snr, Natalina Rossi, ***recently deceased and also for*** Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Margert Turpin, 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, Candelario Iquin, Ross Saffioti, Mal Thomson.
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 BULIMBA CONFERENCE — Celebrating 100 Years of Service. Please join Sunday's 8 am Mass to mark this special occasion as we give thanks for a century of generosity and service. Following Mass, please join us for morning tea in the Parish Hall to celebrate.

PROVIDENCE PROJECT THANKS: The Parish has received a "thank you" email from the Providence Sisters in Northern Thailand. They have now received $8,700 raised from the Providence Project including a generous contribution from the Parish Cake Stall. The email has been circulated with the online edition of the newsletter. Some copies are also available to read on the table at the Church entrance. Thank you to everyone who supported this social justice initiative.

MICHAEL MANGAN RETURNS THIS SUNDAY—After the wonderful feedback from his last visit, we're delighted to welcome Michael Mangan, renowned liturgical musician and composer, back to our parish this Sunday, 7 December, at the 5.30pm Mass. His music is always a gift to our community. All are warmly invited to come along and share in this uplifting celebration.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Afraid of Santa? You may be claus-trophobic!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Some simple, faith-inspired steps for living sustainably and in harmony with creation, in the spirit of Laudato Si' and the Season of Creation.

Buy seasonal and local produce to reduce food miles.

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDER is available at the church doors for $8 each. Please place money in the collection box.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL! The gifting tree is up! This is our main appeal for the years so please consider donating grocery gift cards (*Coles and Woolworths only*) or deposit funds to our bank account—
ADF St Vincent de Paul, Bulimba
BSB 064-786
Account # 100026603
Your gift of a grocery card enables the families we are assisting to have a choice that is best suited to their needs. This approach is preferable to gifting food items and toys which may not be suitable for families needs in these challenging times. Please return your gift to the tree by **14 December**. Alternatively, you are welcome to drop your gift to the Parish Office. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS are now at the church doors. Please consider how you can assist across the Masses to make them a joyous occasion. THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES across all parishes are available on the flyer attached to email or at church doors.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS will not go ahead this year. We hope to see everyone across the Christmas Masses to sing carols beforehand.

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 *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: **LOUELLA SHETTY**
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.

This year's **ADVENT DAILY PRAYER RESOURCE**—***In Holy Stillness***—has sold out in the Archdiocese. For those wanting to still source a copy, an E-book version is available using the following link https://shop.archdiocesanministries.org.au/products/electronic-version-ebook-advent-2025-in-holy-stillness

RECTIFICATION WORKS at St Luke's—just a reminder works commenced this week. Access to the front of the church will be impacted with scaffolding, so please use side entrance. We ask for your patience during this process. **THANK YOU**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held this Sunday the Coolock Room during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point. This will be the last one offered for the year and you are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. Thank you to our leaders for their continued dedication. **PARISH MORNING TEA** will follow. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS - We invite parishioners to assist in the collection of food items for the Christmas hampers. The giving Christmas trees have numerous cards with details of a food item you can purchase and return to drop at the foot of the tree. The Christmas hampers will be distributed on **Saturday December 20** to those people in our local area who seek the assistance of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Any offers of assistance from parishioners in this regard will be most welcome. The families of students attending St Joseph's school are again supporting our Christmas hamper appeal and are already collecting items for the hampers. Some parishioners may prefer to make donations of cash instead of donating food items. If you wish to donate cash there are envelopes available or via direct bank transfer using the following details -

BSB: 064 786
A/C number: 100026599
A/C name : SVDP East Brisbane/Kangaroo Point conference

We look forward to your continued prayers and support during Advent to help bring the joy and peace of Christmas to those in need within our immediate local communities.

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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

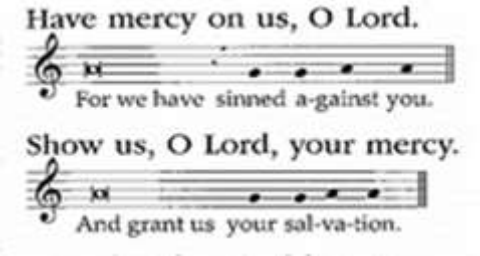
A VOCATION VIEW: In following Christ, rough roads will be made smooth. Prepare a way for the Lord, that all mankind shall see the salvation of God. (Isaiah 40:3-5) Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

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 READING

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 15:4-9 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

PENITENTIAL ACT



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
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 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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