NEWSLETTER

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The Baptism of the Lord

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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.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If they live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If they live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
If they live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If they live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If they live with encouragement, they learn to have confidence.
If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
If they live with fairness, they learn what justice is.
If they live with security, they learn to trust.
If they live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If they live with acceptance and friendship,
they learn to find love and God in the world.

(Anon)

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place when children are led from the Sunday assembly and celebrate separately a Liturgy of the Word more appropriate to their level of understanding. This offers children an opportunity to see, hear, say and do worship at their own level. The appropriate use of symbols, gestures, movement and music suitable for a child's understanding can heighten the experience of the transcendent and mirrors what is happening in the main assembly.

You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. Look out for upcoming details in the newsletter as we recommence for the New Year.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week **12 January to 18 January 2026**				
	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 Eileen Egan and Neil Trottier ***recently deceased and also for*** John Stapleton, Noel Nicholson, John Egan, 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, Karen Baker, Mike Wesst, Timmins & Lyons families, Pat and Patrick Boyle.
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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES—Thank you to all parishioners and visitors who attended our Christmas Masses—it was a joy to see the church filled with our faithful community. A special thank you to all volunteers who ministered during the celebrations.

SINULOG FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO — Join the Filipino community in celebrating "Sinulog," the Feast of Santo Niño, symbolising the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines. You are welcome to bring your statue for a blessing. A Mass will be held at Sts Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday, 18th January, at 11am, followed by a community gathering in the parish hall. **Please bring a plate to share**.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
What if Biblical characters had New Year resolutions?
Adam – seems like everyone's all about high fibre. I plan to east LESS FRUIT this year.
David – done fighting lions and Philistines. Taking a safer job playing my harp for the King.
Wise Men – this year we're using Google Maps – no more asking a burning ball of astro-gas for directions!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si ' through everyday actions at home
Collect soft plastics and recycle them through approved drop-off points.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
(for children Year 5+ who have completed Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion)
Parents wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of Penance are invited to attend one of the information sessions offered on the following dates:
Thursday 12 February 7pm *OR* Friday 13 February 9:30am
Information on the program will be explained at these sessions with resources available to enrol your child.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—this parish ministry is looking for new volunteers to present the Gospel to school aged children. Your commitment is once per term during the 8am Sunday Mass and training will be provided. Under our commitment to Safeguarding, all leaders must be registered, possess a Blue Card and undergo Safeguarding training. Please contact the parish office for further information.

THANK YOU—new parishioners Ed and Trish wish to express their thanks to Fr Kevin and the community for the support offered during 8am Mass last weekend when Trish suffered an episode. Please keep her in your prayers as she is still unwell at present.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Ron Boswell, Adriana van Brunschot* ***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: **NICK PROVE**
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 continue this year on the first Sunday of the month during 9am Mass at St Joseph's.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026—still available at church doors

SAFEGUARDING NEWS—Archdiocese of Brisbane achieves 96% compliance in National Safeguarding Audit. This strong result affirms the Archdiocese's ongoing commitment to building safe, respectful and accountable environments for children and vulnerable people across all ministries. Archbishop Shane Mackinlay welcomed the findings, noting that safeguarding was fundamental to the Church's mission.
If you have outstanding training to complete in your volunteer role, please attend to things as soon as possible. THANK YOU

This Sunday we **welcome** Fr John Sullivan, OSA to celebrate Mass at St Luke's while Fr Fadi is on leave. Fr John joins us from the Augustinian community at St James, Coorparoo.

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: Baptism is the starting point; union with God is our goal. How we serve others in between is our Vocation. 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 42:1-4, 6-7 ◆ SECOND Reading: Acts 10:34-38 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:14-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.
'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.
As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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