NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026 (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.

THANK YOU

We have just concluded the season of Christmas, a time of remembering the greatest gift God could give us in sharing God's divine nature in our humanity. The season was also a time of acknowledging the giftedness of others and how so many people generously share the gift of their time, energy and talent throughout the year and never seek acknowledgement or public thanks. I am sure Fr Peter Dillon would agree that our parish communities could never be the supportive and welcoming communities of faith without the presence and service of these wonderful people.

A sincere thank you to those who minister at Prayer and Worship – to Sacristans, Readers, Communion ministers, Children's Liturgy leaders, greeters, musicians and singers, launders of altar linen, cleaners, collectors and counters, Altar servers, florists and church environment people. All these ministers were joined by others who assisted with these tasks as we accommodated such large numbers over the Christmas Masses. Thank you.

Throughout the year outreach ministries such as St Vincent de Paul, hospitality providers, Drop In Co-ordinators, Carers, Communion Ministers to the Sick, Baptism Preparers, and Home Visitors. Your service is invaluable and is a living sign of the Church at work. Thank you.

May God bless you in all that you do and please know how much you are appreciated and valued.

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On a personal note, I would like to thank the people of Bulimba Parish for your kindness, generosity and prayers at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is truly humbling and please be assured of my prayers and gratitude.

Blessings,
Fr Kevin Smith

Liturgy and Prayers This Week **19 January to 25 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 Campbell Lane, Philip Breene ***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.

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 **THIS SUNDAY**, 18th January, at 11am, followed by a community gathering in the parish hall. **Please bring a plate to share**.

FR KEVIN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION— Please join us as we joyfully celebrate **Fr Kevin's 40th anniversary of priestly ordination**. **Saturday 7 February 2026**, *Wine and Cheese Evening* - after the 5.30pm Mass (*please bring a plate of finger food to share*) and on **Sunday 8 February 2026**, *Parish Morning Tea* - after the 8.00am Mass (*volunteers to assist are welcome*). These gatherings also mark the beginning of our 2026 celebrations for the **100th anniversary of the opening of the Church of Sts Peter and Paul**. All welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
When my grandson asked how old I was, I teasingly replied "I'm not sure". "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he said, "mine says I'm 4-6". WOW—I really like this one—mine says I'm only 38"

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si ' through everyday actions at home

Have you considered switching to a green or renewable energy provider if possible?

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.

PARISH MORNING TEA which usually takes place on the first Sunday in the month will be moved to 8 February to celebrate Fr Kevin's anniversary of ordination. Assistance is always welcome.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Ron Boswell, Mary Leahy, Adriana van Brunschot* ***and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.***
Please remember the sick in your prayers *- Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, 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!!!***

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will continue this year on the first Sunday of the month during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. **PARISH MORNING TEA** follows Mass—all welcome.

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LOOKING AHEAD

26 January	AUSTRALIA DAY PH
6 February	Anointing Mass at St Luke's Buranda

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(Parish hall located at 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba)

ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES has developed a new Lenten reflection resource for 2026 called '**The Journey Home'**.
Copies have been ordered and will be available for purchase through the parishes shortly. Featuring daily reflections written by **Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge,** this resource is designed to help individuals and small groups pray with Scripture through the season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on 18 February. Copies are just $5 each.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026—limited copies are still available at church doors at St Benedict's East Brisbane.

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: Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries—lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call. 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 49:3, 5-6 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ◆ GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

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

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children 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

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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