NEWSLETTER

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 July 2026 (Year A)

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PLANT THE SEED

Words, any words, contain an enormous amount of power. Power to change, to comfort, to inspire, to teach, to correct, to challenge or change a life. Similarly they can come to nothing and evaporate into the ether. Words are totally dependent on the one who speaks or write them as well as the one who reads or hears them. And so it is with the word of God.

Some minds are closed to God's words, sometimes because they think they know all they need to know about life and how to live it or sometimes they fear any new understanding of life that may cause them to alter their present perspective. In each case these people become unteachable.

Others hear God's word initially with enthusiasm and relevance, but tend to forget it when situations get difficult or some other perspective takes hold. These people start off well but get distracted, too busy or involved and prefer to take a less-demanding path.

Other people hear God's word carefully and gently. They work at trying to get to its meaning at ground-level and then later at a deeper level, at its roots. When they feel they have a good grasp on its meaning they then try to act on it and see how it can be applied throughout their lives.

It's for these people that the word of God finds a secure place to grow, for those who make the effort to understand it, ensuring that this word becomes an event in their lives and becomes a fruitful thing, not simply letters on a page.

Underlying today's parable there is a telling confidence: in spite of all the obstacles present in the various types of soil, the word of God, despite apparent failure and repeated opposition will indeed enjoy great fruitfulness.

So how would you describe your response to the message of God?

Does it take root in you?
Do you make a serious effort to understand it?
Do you welcome it with a great show and then go on to do your own thing?
Do you hear it and then smother it with your own concerns?

As we answer these questions, we should be patient with ourselves. Like all seeds, this word of God needs time to grow. The sower knows that he has to wait for the weather and the slow thrust of life. There is no denying that the process takes time. But the seed has first to be sown by a farmer who understand and cares deeply about the process of growth.

Blessings
Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 13 July to 19 July 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	10am (Wedding Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
Sunday	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

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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.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA • KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests—please pray for the departed loved ones and those suffering illness from Bulimba, Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane and Buranda parishes, especially Isabelle Rawson, Greg Duffy, Michael Reynolds, Baby Noah Cook, Sergio Gonzlez Fager, Lindsay Coop, Margaret Yap, Pauline Lavey ***recently deceased and also for*** Caitlin Donohue, Mildred Bakunowicz, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera, Patricia Romero, Terry Skehan, Ross Saffioti.
Please remember the sick – Kay Bradnock, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Robyn Britnell, Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee, Margaret Robba, Connie Sladen, Kim Koster.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026
FOR ALL CHILDREN ACROSS PARISHES OF
BULIMBA AND KANGAROO POINT
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
(for children Year 3+ who have completed Sacrament of Baptism)
Parents wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend one of the following information sessions :
Thursday 20 August 7pm *OR* Friday 21 August 9:30am
Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 29 October across two sessions
Information on the program requirements will be explained at these sessions with resources available to enrol your child

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **JULIE JOUGHAN**

The next **RCIA GATHERING** for those interested in journeying with the Catholic church will be held at 7pm , Wednesday 15 July at East Brisbane.

DID YOU GET MARRIED AT STS PETER AND PAUL'S? To celebrate the centenary of Sts Peter & Paul, there will be a special celebratory **'WEDDING MASS'** for all couples married at Bulimba. We welcome back former parish priest Fr Tom Elich to con-celebrate Mass with us on **Saturday 18 July 2026** at 10am, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. For catering purposes we ask you to let the parish office know by 13 July 2026 if you are attending.

NOTE—There will be NO 'usual' 9am Mass Saturday 18 July because of the Centenary Wedding Mass.

LOOKING AHEAD…

13 July	SVDP Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane chapter meet
22 July	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
24 July	9am Mass @ Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
All men should make coffee for their women.
It says it right in the bible 'HEBREW'

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
PROMOTE Plastic Free July
Choose to refuse singe-use plastic
Visit PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG for further information

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS—Reconciliation Consultation Group First Meeting 16th July 2026
You are warmly invited to attend our first meeting, to be held at 6.30—8pm in the parish hall at Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba. Soup and bread rolls will be provided. We will be joined by Joni McCourt, the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Manager for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, who will discuss how parishes are engaged in implementing it. We will then start the conversation within our Group for how we move forward. Information about the current Archdiocese RAP can be found online via this link.
Please let the Parish Office know if you will attend.

KANGAROO POINT ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS— The St Vincent de Paul 2026 Winter appeal will take place across St Joseph's, St Benedict's and St Luke's during **masses this weekend.** This is the only appeal that seeks your support as members of the parish in the form of cash donations. Parishioners can be confident that all cash collected during the winter appeal will be utilised to meet the ongoing demand for assistance that is provided by our local conference members. Conference members will be on hand at each parish to assist with any inquiries from parishioners.

Parishioners who wish to utilise bank transfer to make a donation can do so as follows:

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Acc No. 100026599
Account Name : Archdiocesan Development Fund
East Brisbane/Kangaroo Point Conference

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Celebrating the Centenary of the Church of Sts Peter and Paul's
SEE FLYER ATTACHED to email mail out or at the church doors.

A CONCERT BY ONE EQUAL MUSIC—comprising of Latin Motets and Religious pieces will be held on Friday 7 August 2026 at 7pm.
Tickets are $35 each, with pre-performance complimentary drinks and canapes.
One Equal Music (OEM) is Brisbane's professional choral ensemble. The principal singers herald from the leading Cathedral and Parish choirs in Queensland, and are selected for their superior musicianship and expertly trained voices. Our name comes from the poem *Bring Us, O Lord God* by John Donne, beautifully set to music by William Henry Harris. OEM was established in 2022 and is co-directed by Husband-and-Wife duo, Tomasz Holownia and Eleanor Adeney, who have both worked extensively as professional choral singers in Australia and the UK.

To purchase tickets, visit https://www.trybooking.com/DMIXG

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS

2026 CONCERT BY CARMELIGHT—SOUNDS OF HOPE—FUNDRAISING EVENT
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Coorparoo, Saturday 18 July at 6pm**.**
Featuring outstanding vocalists and instrumentalists from the community. Secure your tickets now for what promises to be an outstanding evening of entertainment. You can purchase tickets or make a donation to Sounds of Hope—Water for Zumalai—using the QR code or link https://www.trybooking.com/DMGRN

OUR LADY OF GRACES, CARINA YOUTH GROUP
A gathering in the parish library for ages 12-17 with dinner provided.
6.30pm-8.30pm at 100 Mayfield Road, Carina

TERM THREE DATES
24th July, 7th August, 21st August, 4th September, 18th September.
For more details contact 3398 2977 or email carina@bne.catholic.net.au

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: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, and sometimes it lacks depth. But other times, it is nourished by loving and caring friends. 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

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 8:18-23 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

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 seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
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.
Blessed 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,

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

> You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
> see and see again, but not perceive.
> For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
> their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
> for fear they should see with their eyes,
> hear with their ears,
> understand with their heart,
> and be converted
> and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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