NEWSLETTER

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 July 2026 (Year A)

◆ FR PETER DILLON Administrator, Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda ◆ FR KEVIN SMITH Parish Priest, Bulimba

On Saturday the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul will host a "Wedding Mass" as part of the centenary celebrations for the church, which was blessed and opened in December 1926.

The church at Bulimba was a popular venue for wedding celebrations especially when the local parish was predominantly Catholic who had large families. More than one ceremony on a weekend was not an unusual occurrence. In 1987 as a young Assistant Priest at Stafford, I came over to Bulimba for a wedding ceremony. (*I have no recollection as to why!*)

Our records show over 2,300 wedding ceremonies taking place in the parish with most of those being celebrated in this church in the past 100 years.

The celebration on Saturday will be a time of thanksgiving for the many blessings received through the Sacrament of Marriage and the strength this Sacrament gives to family life. The same Mass will also be a time of prayer for ongoing healing and peace for those whose dreams and hopes led to hurt and disappointment.

Everyone present, while wiser, will look older but what astounds me is the changing expectation we have of our older and wiser family members.

Next week we celebrate Grandparents Day and we thank God for their presence in our lives.
We cannot ignore the hands-on and practical role grandparents play in the raising of children today and all the demands that are placed upon them. They provide much more than supportive advice or reassurance. Childcare and its physical demands now rest with many a grandparent. Make sure we say a big thank you and offer a loving prayer for them and all they do.

God's blessings,
Fr Kevin

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 20 July to 26 July 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Communion Service)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Adoration) **9am** (Mass)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	9am (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 Roy Hogan, Isabelle Rawson, Greg Duffy, Michael Reynolds, Baby Noah Cook, Lindsay Coop, Margaret Yap, Pauline Lavey, Rosalba Avella ***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, Muriel Jones, Margaret Turpin, Sandra Swales.

Please remember the sick – Kay Bradnock, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, 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: **HELEN CASWELL**

The next **RCIA GATHERING** for those interested in journeying with the Catholic church will be held at 7pm , Wednesday 29 July at East Brisbane.

The **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY** is coming up on 26 July. This year's theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15) invites us to show love and gratitude for the older people in our lives. Take a moment this week to reach out—through a visit, a phone call, or a simple act of kindness—to a grandparent, elderly neighbour, or someone who may be feeling alone. Small gestures can make a big difference. For a direct link to the Pope's message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly follow the link: tinyurl.com/PopeLeoMsg

ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If you need support, you are invited to a Carer's meeting to be held in the parish hall of Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba on Tuesday 28 July 2026 from 10am-12pm.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
A little boy was listening to the long sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

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

KANGAROO POINT ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS— Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's St Vincent de Paul 2026 Winter appeal. Parishioners can still donate via bank transfer as follows:

BSB 064-786
Acc No. 100026599
Account Name : Archdiocesan Development Fund
East Brisbane/Kangaroo Point Conference

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CHURCH OF STS PETER AND PAUL - please see flyer attached to last week's email mail out or at the church doors—date claimers attached.

STS PETER AND PAUL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meet Sunday 26 July 2026 after the 8am Mass in the parish boardroom. Come along and join in the conversation. All welcome.

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

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY OF THE CROSS will be held at 9am on Saturday **8 August 2026** at Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba. Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she took the name Mary of the Cross and pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for the children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence. Australia's patron saint.

MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be held at the later time of 10am on Saturday **15 August 2026** at Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba. This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the 'Falling Asleep of the Mother of God'. It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the 'Assumption' in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS

Every child should be safe no matter where they are, and every parent and carer should have confidence in the systems in place to care for their children. **QUEENSLAND'S REPORTABLE CONDUCT SCHEME** works to achieve this, aiming to create a culture where everyone can feel confident in raising concerns and providing a system to connect that information with other organisations across Queensland.
Volunteers who have not yet completed the 15-minute Reportable Conduct Scheme training module, are asked to do so as a matter of priority. Please contact the Parish office if you are either unable to access or complete the training through the Arch e-Learn platform.

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: There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing God's voice clearly. We need time to reflect on the garden of our lives. 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: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 8:26-27 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30

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

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
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,
until you come again.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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