NEWSLETTER

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2026 (Year A)

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A Word from the Wise...

I've been a gatherer/collector for many years. Funny stories, unusual perspectives on life, crazy theories, but mostly wise sayings. Collecting other people's insights, usually based on their experiences, reminds me that all our life we are learning new lessons. The following are some of my favourites.

- *Some people talk to you in their free time, and some people free their time to talk to you. Make sure you know the difference.*
- ***Just because I give you advice doesn't mean I'm smarter than you. It means I've done more stupid stuff than you.***
- *The most dangerous anger comes from someone with a good heart. They hold it in, they stay calm and forgive until one day they can't anymore. Don't push a good person too far.*
- *If you have the power to eat alone in a restaurant or sit alone in a cinema, then you can do anything in your life.*
- *What you see daily shapes you. Your feed trains your brain each day. If you scroll drama all day, your mind starts to think in drama. When you fill your feed with educational content, you get smarter.*
- *Cry as hard as you want¸ but make sure when you stop crying, you never cry for the same reason again.*
- ***A pen can make a mistake, but a pencil can't. It has a good friend called an** eraser. Only a true friend can erase your mistakes and make you perfect.*
- *Dress well when you are alone. Treat yourself with the respect you deserve.*
- *Never become so thirsty that you drink from every cup presented to you. That how you get poisoned.*

Blessings for the week ahead,
Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 27 July to 2 August 2026				
	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (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)

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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, Sr Fay Hancock SGS, Michael Reynolds, 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, 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: **JULIE JOUGHAN**

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 this Sunday. Take a moment 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

Please note the **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** this Thursday 30 July 2026 for the annual parish secretaries training day. Please leave a message and we will make contact on Friday.

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.
Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat, labelled "DO NOT BEND ". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it.

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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next **Sunday 2 August 2026** during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of under-standing.

PARISH MORNING TEA at St Joseph's follows Mass—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

LOOKING AHEAD—there will be **NO ANOINTING MASS** at St Luke's Buranda on Friday 7 August.

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.

BULIMBA PARISH MORNING TEA will now shift to the 2nd Sunday of the month (**9 August 2026**)to welcome new Baptism families. If you can offer assistance after the 8am Mass, please see volunteers in the parish hall.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES presents **Module Four: A People on Mission**. This formation engages participants in an exploration of what it means to be a people on mission, including the call to evangelisation, exploring this in the context of parish and family life, as well as the role of evangelisation in the wider community. Commencing 17 August 2026 7pm-9pm at the Hanly Room, Cathedral Precinct. Who is this for? Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others and share their faith and those preparing for ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist.
Visit catholicformation.au for further details

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS

At **RIGHT AT HOME BRISBANE SOUTH**, we believe there's no place quite like home. Based in Bulimba, we're proud to support older Australians and people living with a disability to continue living safely, comfortably, and independently in the place they know and love. If you or someone you know could benefit from a little extra support at home, we would love the opportunity to share information about the support available through our local team.
Right at Home Brisbane South, 142 Apollo Road, Bulimba.
Phone 3193 7379 or visit www.rightathome.com.au

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY SCRIPTURE STUDY—Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled is scheduled to begin in the first week of September and will be held a St James Priory, Coorparoo from Friday 4 September at 6.30pm. The course will run for eight sessions with a break in week five, concluding on Friday 30 October. More details to come.

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: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 8:28-30 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-46

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, I love your commands.

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 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-46

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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