# NEWSLETTER

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

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 July 2026 (Year A)

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

While not wanting to spend one ounce of energy on the boondoggle of mono-cultural and multi-cultural, I cannot deny that walking down the street of any neighbourhood brings me into contact with people from around the world who arrived here themselves or did their parents or, as in my case, paternal grandparents.

Whatever my feelings towards that reality I can never ruminate, albeit respectfully, about the multi racial mix that is the Australian population in quite the same way as I do the first nations people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are first among us. This land is theirs and they know it, love it and relate to it in ways that the rest of us can only imagine and struggle to appreciate. Getting our relationship right with those who walked this country for thousands of years is a vital aspect to a healthy self-identity as Australians, from wherever we come or for however long we have been here. It is a challenging and ongoing task.

The many races that make up this country all contribute to its wellbeing and development but there is only one race and culture that is first. A humble acknowledgement of that undeniable truth may calm many an argument.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is a focused time for all people within the church and beyond to increase our listening, our knowledge and our respect for one another.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8am-12pm.

Thankyou for your understanding and patience as this new arrangement has been put in place. Please feel free to send emails or leave a phone message any time.

God bless,
*Fr Kevin*

**Liturgy and Prayers This Week 5 July to 12 July 2026**

| | Bulimba | Buranda | East Brisbane | Kangaroo Point |
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| **Wednesday** | 7pm (Mass) | | 8am (Mass) | |
| **Friday** | 8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction) | 9am (Mass) | | |
| **Saturday** | 9am (Mass)<br>5.30pm (Mass) | | 5pm (Mass) | |
| **Sunday** | 8am (Mass)<br>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*** Baby Noah Cook, Sergio Gonzlez Fager, Lindsay Coop, Margaret Yap ***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.
***Please remember the sick*** – Kay Bradnock, Luigia D'Allura, 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.

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: **SAMANTHA KNOTT**

Please note **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at Sts Peter and Paul's will not be offered during this school holiday period.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held today **Sunday 5 July 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.

**DROP IN FRIDAY—**come along for a social morning of conversation and morning tea in the parish hall of Sts Peter and Paul's Bulimba. Friday 10 July 2026 10am-12pm. ALL WELCOME

**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 if you are attending.

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.*
What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?
*They both have the same middle name*

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**THIS WEEK'S ACTION**
*Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home*
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**SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS—Reconciliation Consultation Group First Meeting 16th July 2026**
You are warmly invited to attend our first meeting, to be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th July 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 as a parish. We aim to complete the meeting by 8pm. Information about the current Archdiocese RAP can be found online via this link. **Please let the Parish Office know if you will attend**.

This week marks five decades of the **NAIDOC** movement, honouring the generations of Elders, organisers, artists and communities. Please see attached flyer accompanying the newsletter mail out , with hard copies available at the church doors.

**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 the **masses next weekend across 11/12 July.** This is the only appeal that seeks your support as members of the parish in the form of cash donations. The other appeal conducted by the Society in the parish is the annual Christmas hamper appeal. 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 using the following bank details:**
**BSB 064-786**
**Acc No. 100026599**
**Account Name : East Brisbane/Kangaroo Point Conference account.**

Since the beginning of the year until 20 June, our members have undertaken 118 visits, providing help to 195 people and delivering assistance that totals approximately $17, 000. This assistance includes emergency food parcels, clothing vouchers to purchase items of clothing from local Vinnies stores, whitegoods (including fridges/ washing machines) and financial assistance with rental costs, medications and Go Cards etc. We wish to offer our thanks to those parishioners who contact us with donations of blankets, bed linen, bath towels, and various furniture items. At the start of the year our local Vinnies group supported 5 families with back-to-school expenses, including school uniforms and school shoes etc. amounting to financial assistance of about $500 each. Most of this financial assistance represents donations received from parishioners.

## BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS

**TRY ALPHA—IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?** Commencing **Thursday 16 July 2026** 6.30pm-8.30pm 21 Beauvardia Street, Cannon Hill—Parish Hall. The ALPHA course is an opportunity for anyone, from any background, to freely explore life's big questions in a relaxed, open environment. The course runs over 10 weeks and includes a series of interactive sessions that look at the basics of the Christian faith. Each session includes a light meal, a short talk, and time for open, honest discussions. Join Us! Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/alpha-chp. For more information call 0418 466 583 or email cannonhill.alpha@gmail.com

**RECLAIM** is a collaborative monthly gathering of young adults that seeks to breathe new life into the Catholic YA space each first Tuesday of the month.
Run by the Youth and Young Adults team of Archdiocesan Ministries, in July, attendees will have the privilege of hearing from Dr Robert Haddad, Australian apologist, on the Eucharist.

*When*: Tuesday 7 July | 6pm
*Where*: Hanly Room, Cathedral Precinct
Free parking access via Charlotte St.

## 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:** When we follow the Lord, His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. Seek Jesus and the fullness of His call, that you might find rest for your soul. 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: Zechariah 9:9-10 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

## 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

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

## 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

Zechariah 9:9-10

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:9, 11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.
So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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