NEWSLETTER

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 June 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

From Pope Saint John Paul II to Pope Leo today, each has spoken about faith as an encounter with Jesus. This encounter is more than a vague awareness of a "hero" from the past and more than a story about which we merely read. In people, in the Church community, in our prayers and worship and in our service is where this encounter takes place. It is an encounter with God who in Jesus lives, breathes and acts in his Body which is the Church.

In the age of internet, email and text the possibility and experience of real encounter is very much diminished and perhaps nearly lost. I can end a relationship without even speaking to the other person……. just send a text! Well, the Church is very often counter-cultural in her life and actions especially when the trends within society require some serious reflection and perhaps even questioning. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we encounter the risen Jesus who welcomes us into his life and into his family of the Church. While most of this encounter may occur with emails of inquiry and answers and information provided by scan, important opportunities for "encounter "are missed. So, after discussion with the Parish Baptismal Preparation Team the following procedure will be in place for those who are seeking baptism in Sts Peter and Paul Parish.

- Parents who seek baptism for their child can make initial inquiries with the priest after any Sunday Mass. He will simply explain the process, offer a welcome to the family and answer any questions.
- Each first Sunday of the month there will be an information meeting which will discuss baptism, Sacraments, parish life and Catholic faith in a very general way.
- If the family decides to proceed with baptism, on each third Sunday there is a 'welcome' ceremony at Mass followed by a preparation meeting which discusses in more detail the Baptism ceremony. This already occurs for baptism preparation.
- The celebration of Baptism takes place on the second and forth Sunday of the month.

These gatherings are intended to provide opportunities for 'encounter' with Jesus Christ and his body the church into which the child will be baptised. I and the Team would appreciate your feedback and suggestions with this initiative for evangelisation.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 15 June to 21 June 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)

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 Margaret Yap, John White, Kathleen Mitchell, Larry Perrett ***recently deceased and also for*** 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.
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, Baby Noah Joseph, Connie Sladen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026

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 will be explained at these sessions with resources available to enrol your child

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **NICK PROVE**

KANGAROO POINT ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS— Please note our meetings are conducted on a 4-week cycle, with our next meeting **Monday 22 June** commencing at 6pm at St Joseph's Church. At our most recent meeting, our spiritual reflection focussed on the theme of 'mercy' and what this means for Vincentians in our interactions with people during visits to those seeking our help. If you would like to know more about the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish, you are welcome to come along and join us, just for a visit.
Our conference will be reaching out to parishioners at all three parishes in the coming weeks as we launch our annual **WINTER APPEAL**. This activity will provide an opportunity to share and celebrate with parishioners, not only the work achieved locally, but also the range of initiatives that Vinnies are engaged in across Brisbane.

SAVE THE DATE—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. Thank you to those who have already sent an **RSVP to the Parish Office**. For catering purposes we ask you to let us know if you are attending.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Take a 'tech' time-out once a week to to reconnect with nature and family.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS—Thank you to those who have already expressed interest in joining the **RAP Consultation Group**. Further details will be advised next week. We welcome any interest from parishioners across the parish groups.

BULIMBA PARISH MORNING TEA will take place on Sunday 28 June 2026 after the 8am Mass to celebrate our parish patrons feast day. Please join us on the parish veranda. Please note this will replace our 'usual' first Sunday of the month morning tea. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS (18+) are invited to a social coffee gathering at These Three Things Café, Bulimba to celebrate the Feast Day of Sts Peter and Paul's. Sunday 28 June 2026 after the 8am Mass. All welcome.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated across Bulimba and Kangaroo Point parishes next weekend (20/21 June 2026) during Mass for those children enrolled in the program. We hope these weeks of preparation have been a blessed time for you and your child/ren. Handing on faith and completing their sacramental initiation is not just the fulfillment of what you promised at their baptism, but it is also a unique time of grace. Your guidance and prayers with your child are a powerful experience in their faith development and understanding of God. Please keep these families in your prayers.

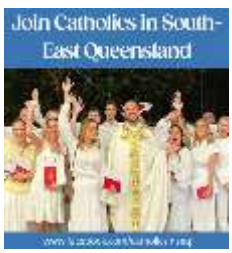
Please note there will be **NO** Wednesday 8am morning Mass next week (17 June) while Fr Peter is on retreat.

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER—LEARN & PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER. Presented by Archdiocesan Ministries, you are invited to come and explore **Franciscan Prayer** (Prayer of the Heart) with Alison Stone (*Bulimba parishioner*) from Franciscan Schools Australia presenting. Enjoy contemplative prayer experiences in the setting of Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston on Saturday 20 June 2026 9am-3pm. Cost $55 (including morning tea and lunch). See flyers at church doors or attached to this week's mail out or visit tickets.org.au

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 23 June 2026 from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
It wasn't so much that Ed's mobile phone rang during the Sunday sermon. It was that his ring tone was AC/DC's *Highway to Hell*.

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS



Invitation to join the Catholics in South-East Queensland Facebook group, a space to connect, share and grow in faith. Moderated by the Communications and Engagement team of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, this Facebook group is your opportunity to share local events, stories, and information about Masses, devotions, retreats and outreach with members across the Archdiocese. https://www.facebook.com/groups/ catholicsinseq/

ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM— This one-day program is filled with fun, games, activities and engaging messages and prayers designed to give children a positive and powerful experience of the Catholic faith. Come along for a program of fun, friends and faith! When and Where: Five dates and locations over the June/July school holidays
Find all the information here: tinyurl.com/ECKJuly

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: Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me." 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: Exodus 19:2-6 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 5:6-11 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36-10:8

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

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
repent and believe the Good News.
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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.
Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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