NEWSLETTER

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2026 (Year A)

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The Shadow of Uncertainty

There is a new sensation that has snuck into our lives in recent months and it's called 'fear'. It's a fear of not knowing where we are headed and who is making decisions on our behalf. Can we trust our political leaders and who can they trust to do what is in our best interests? Generally, we are not a fearful people here in Australia. Certainly, we are not immune to the major issues of the world, but mostly we are a people who face the problem and get on with life. This lingering uncertainty seems to have worn down our resistance and fed our anxiety.

These days, I hear of people fearful of travelling overseas, going to a crowded supermarket, fearful that their normally secure jobs may be in jeopardy and sadly, we are becoming suspicious of others. The lack of certainty that we crave, has been replaced by a form of intimidation by forces beyond our sight and control. We have become lured into becoming a "what if" people instead of "what is".

Some people have commented that they will never travel overseas again – they are too afraid. We here in the lucky country have been bred to believe that there is nothing we should be afraid of. Clearly we have been protected from many of the concerns of life that other countries have and are experiencing.

But being free from fear is something we take for granted, unless we understand that many people in our world fear something every day. Particularly those who live in the shadow of violence, uncertainty of employment, poverty, severe illness, homelessness, loneliness and death. These are genuine fears that cannot be dismissed with a kind word or a shoulder to cry on.

There is another fear that has crept into our society in more recent times and that is the fear of 'insecurity"

We ask: "what will happen to us if we don't protect our lifestyle and our future?"

"Will someone or something take away our choices and our liberty, and we will be powerless against it?"

We all fear powerlessness and intimidation.

Of course, this fear is not a new phenomenon. Many times in the Gospels, Jesus reminds his followers not to be fearful as they anticipate what might happen to them as they prepare to take their message on the road.

Reading their concerns, Jesus appears to have a strong voice against intimidation. He does not disguise the truth that his disciples will be confronted by those who threaten, bully and intimidate others into submissive agreement. His advice is clear; not only does he not want his disciples to refuse to submit to the merchants of death, he tells them not to be afraid of them.

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul"

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 29 June to 5 July 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (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 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.

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.

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: **LYN HORNER**

KANGAROO POINT ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS— next meeting Monday 13 July commencing at 6pm at St Joseph's Church. If you would like to know more about the St Vincent de Paul Society, you are welcome to come along and join us, just for a visit. New members are always welcome.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL—on the weekend of 11/12 July a St Vincent De Paul spokesperson will talk at mass regarding the annual Winter Appeal. Please come prepared to donate as best possible or become involved with the local membership

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.
Dear Lord, so far today I'm doing alright. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, nasty, grumpy, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed or eaten any chocolate. But I will be getting out of bed soon and I will need your help then.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Start thinking about how you can advocate for Plastic Free July. The United Nations recently shared that the world's plastic waste emissions are rising and are currently estimated at 52.1 million metric tonnes per year. As people who value and care for God's creation, we can change our personal habits and encourage others to also be mindful of their use of plastic.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS—Reconciliation Consultation Group First Meeting 16th July 2026
Thank you to those who have expressed interest in participating in the Reconciliation Consultation Group. You are warmly invited to attend our first meeting, to be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th July in the Parish Hall. 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. Joni will introduce us to the Archdiocese RAP and 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING – today **Sunday 28 June 2026,** 9.15am in boardroom of Sts Peter and Paul's. All welcome to join the conversation.

BULIMBA PARISH MORNING TEA please join us today **Sunday 28 June 2026** after the 8am Mass to celebrate our parish patrons Sts Peter and Paul feast day. The **YOUNG ADULTS (18+)** will continue the celebrations with a coffee gathering at *These Three Things Café, Bulimba*.

CHANGE TO PARISH OPENING HOURS - from Monday 29 June 2026 the parish office will be closed on **TUESDAYS** and open the remaining four days of the week from 8am-12pm.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION—the next gathering of those enquiring about the Catholic faith will take place on **Wednesday 1 July @ 7pm** at St. Benedicts, East Brisbane. All welcome.

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

ANOINTING MASS—will be held at 9am on **Friday 3 July 2026** at St Luke's Buranda. This is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and ageing, and is a sacred moment when we pray for God's grace to strengthen someone who is suffering from any form of illness.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next **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 understanding.

PARISH MORNING TEA at St Joseph's follows Mass—all welcome.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION will be taken up at Masses across all parishes this weekend as a leaving collection. Peter's Pence gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to support the charitable works of the Holy See, allowing the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

NAIDOC MASS - Join the Archdiocese of Brisbane for a celebration of faith and culture. Walking Together in Christ brings our community together to honour **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples** and cultures. This Mass reflects on the lived spirituality of First Nations Catholics and our shared journey of reconciliation and faith. Following the Mass, you're invited to the Hanly Room for a celebration of community, culture and faith featuring local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural expressions
When: Sunday 5 July | 9:45am
Where: Cathedral of St Stephen

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 reching 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: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

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

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
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

2 Kings 4 :8-11, 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'
One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.
But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.
'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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