NEWSLETTER

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 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 CHRISM MASS

The most significant gift that resides in the Catholic Church and a gift which enhances ecumenical discussion is our understanding of the Sacraments. These visible and tangible actions of Christ in the Church continue His mission in a wonderful and life-giving way.

You are most welcome to the Chrism Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 26 March at 7pm.

The Chrism Mass is usually held during Holy Week in which the Archbishop blesses the holy oils used in sacraments and priests renew their vows, symbolising unity and the sacramental life of the Church.

In our Archdiocese we hold it during Lent. It is one of the most significant liturgical events outside of Christmas and Easter. During this Mass, the Archbishop blesses three types of oils that will be used throughout the year: Sacred Chrism, Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick.

- *Sacred Chrism*: a mixture of olive oil and balsam, consecrated by the Archbishop. It is used in Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the dedication of churches and altars. The chrism symbolises the Holy Spirit, sanctification and th call to the threefold ministry of priest, prophet and King. During the blessing, the Archbishop breathes over the chrism, recalling Jesus breathing on the apostles and sending the Holy Spirit (John 20:22)
- *Oil of Catechumens*: Blessed by the Archbishop, this oil is used to anoint those preparing for Baptism, strengthening them to renounce sin and all that is evil.
- *Oil of the Sick*: Blessed for use in the Anointing of the Sick, it brings comfort, healing and strength to those who are ill.

The Mass is a public expression of the unity of priests with the Archbishop. Priests extend their hands toward the chrism during the consecration, signifying their participation in the Archbishop's ministry and Christ's work in the Church. The oils are then distributed to each parish, usually stored in an ambry near the Baptismal font. (*At Sts Peter and Paul the ambry is located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel*).

The use of oil has deep biblical roots, symbolising sanctification, healing, strengthening, beautification, dedication and consecration. Olive oil was used in daily life for cooking, lighting lamps and anointing and in religious practices for sacrifices and consecration of sacred objects.

During the Chrism Mass, priests publicly renew the promises made at their ordination, committing to preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments faithfully and serve the faithful.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire Archdiocesan community, uniting clergy and laity around the Archbishop. It emphasises the sacramental life, the priesthood and the mission of the Church, reminding the faithful of their baptismal call and the presence of Christ in the sacraments.

Fr Kevin

Liturgy and Prayers This Week **23 March to 29 March 2026**

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	The Annunciation of the Lord 7pm (Mass)			
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction) 7pm Stations of the Cross	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 our departed loved ones, especially Peter Lyons, Hugh McCormick, Joan West, Marcus Randell ***recently deceased and also for*** Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera, Mick Shelton, Attilio and Ida Michieletto.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – 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, Elma Wilkinson.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated in the church throughout Lent on Friday evenings commencing at 7pm. All welcome.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION **PROJECT COMPASSION** —this Lent season we are called to ***Unite Against Poverty.***
You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation envelopes or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

PALM SUNDAY—please bring your palms for Blessing next weekend.

LENTEN MASS OF RECONCILIATION will be offered on Wednesday 1 April at 7pm. All welcome.

GETTING EASTER READY—assistance is sought to fill rosters available at the church doors for all Easter ceremonies. Please consider where you can assist and place your name on the lists. Those who may be rostered on for their usual month will be listed. Please advise if you are now now available and haven't found a replacement. Thank you

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 our Carer's meeting to be held in the parish hall on **Tuesday 24 March** from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP —Our Lady of Graces Carina is launching a new Youth Group for High School students—ages 12-17. Starting fortnightly from Friday 24 April 2026 at 6.30pm. Dinner provided. For more details please contact carina@bne.catholic.net.au or 3398 2977

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please remember the sick in your prayers - *Yolande Yorke, Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee.*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **MARY SMITH**
Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw see with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church on Saturday evening. Proceeds of the lucky number draw go to support St Vincent de Paul and other social needs in the Parish. ***GOOD LUCK!!!***

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026—OUR NEXT PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST FOR THOSE FAMILIES WISHING TO ENROL THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Year 3+ baptised) *Further details to follow*

PARISH LENTEN GROUP continues each Wednesday at 7pm at St Benedict's, East Brisbane. All welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD @ Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane/Buranda

Monday 23 March	St Vincent de Paul meet @ 6pm
Wednesday 25 March	NO 8am Mass @ St Benedict's
Sunday 29 March	Sacrament of Individual Penance

HOLY WEEK

Easter is the most important celebration in the Church's year as it commemorates the very foundations of our Christian faith.
Please mark these dates in your calendar.

Sts Peter and Paul's
Holy Thursday 2 April 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3 April 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 4 April 7pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday 5 April 8am Easter Sunday Mass

St Luke's
Holy Thursday 2 April 5pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3 April 10am Stations of the Cross - parishioner led
Good Friday 3 April 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Sunday 5 April 8am Easter Sunday Mass

St Benedict's
Holy Thursday 2 April 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3 April 10am Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 4 April 5pm Easter Vigil Mass

St Joseph's
Good Friday 3 April 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Sunday 5 April 9am Easter Sunday Mass

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study by Jeff Cavins **beginning in April:** Morning session at St Oliver Plunkett Church, Cannon Hill - **Thursday 23 April** and an evening session at St James Church, Coorparoo – **Friday 24 April.** The course will run for **8 weeks** with a week's break in the middle. This foundational study traces Salvation History from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. For more information or to register your interest, please contact **Louise Simento** at **0456 700 040.**

A male widowed parishioner, aged 90, still active retired professor, requires a mature female carer for social support only. Saturday and Sunday 9am-2pm. May be required in emergencies to fill in on a weekday. Must have own vehicle. Attractive rates. Phone 0414 952 273

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: Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the 'down and out' find new meaning in Christ and live a full life. 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 MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 8:8-11 ◆ GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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 Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, 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. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; 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.

GOSPEL John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'
Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'
On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said:
'I am the resurrection and the life,
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?'
'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:
'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me.
But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'
When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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