NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

29 March 2026 (Year A)

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THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

Whether they know the reason for it or not, next week our whole country stops their normal activities to acknowledge the death of Jesus. It is quite an extraordinary thing when we contemplate in the increasingly secular world, just what takes place on Good Friday. Normal commercial activity ceases and the nation takes a breath. For those of you reading this, you hold your breath a little longer and connect the event of Good Friday to the even more extraordinary event of Christ's resurrection. For Christians one occurrence does not make sense without the other.

I sometimes feel we do Jesus a great disservice in thinking that, as the Son of God, he must have had a greater strength and resolve to deal with his passion and death. Almost like some superpowers that protected him from experiencing what you and I might have to deal with in the same circumstances. While his powers were not super, in a science fiction sense, he did possess an outstanding courage and fortitude that was both inspiring and consoling, yet available to any who choose to follow his example.

In his seven last words, we are given an example of his total acceptance of his life and mission as God's Son. Only in recent years have I come to see where his strength came from when he uttered the words, "**Into your hands I commend my spirit**", bringing together the great Christian quest of faith, hope and love. It was not some super strength, but the surrender to his own conviction that the God who had brought him to this point would not desert him at the moment he needed him most.

Even for Jesus, God's Son in human flesh, death was the supreme and most radical act of faith. Jesus believed, Jesus trusted and Jesus hoped. He was confident that he would rise again, but for your own consolation remember this: Jesus' own resurrection was not something of which he had personal experience: it was not something he could prove conclusively from sheer reason. For all that he was as Son of God, this man died as we die, not with an experience of resurrection, not with a logical argument. He died with a faith and a hope and a trust in a Father's love for him. That was all he had and it was enough for him.

I somehow find it enormously consoling to think that as he breathed his last, he was not submitting to death but was affirming life. That his spirit was not taken from him but after, a brief but outstanding earthly existence, he was entrusting himself into the hands of the Father who had sustained him thus far.

Let us not wait until death to say those same seven words.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 30 March to 5 April 2026 (HOLY WEEK)

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	Mass of Reconciliation 7pm			
Thursday	7pm Holy Thursday	5pm Holy Thursday	6pm Holy Thursday	
Friday	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10am Stations of the Cross	3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	7pm Easter Vigil		5pm Easter Vigil	
Sunday	8am Easter Sunday	8am Easter Sunday		9am Easter Sunday

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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, Manuel Galeano Galeano, ***recently deceased and also for*** Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, 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 are celebrated in the church throughout Lent on Friday evenings commencing at 7pm. All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION —this Lent season we are called to ***Unite Against Poverty.***
As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. **Please return your donation to the collection plate** or continue your support online: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

LENTEN MASS OF RECONCILIATION will be offered this week 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 not available and haven't found a replacement. Thank you

The **HOLY LAND COLLECTION** will be supported at Mass on **Good Friday**. This offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region. Thank you for supporting this collection as encouraged by Pope Leo XIV. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS Thursday 26 March 2026 at 7pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen with Archbishop Shane.

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: **LOUETTA SHETTY**
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*

LOOKING AHEAD @ Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane/Buranda
Monday 20 April St Vincent de Paul meet St Joseph's @ 6pm

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

Bulimba Churches Together will gather this Sunday (29 March 2026) at 2pm for the **Palm Sunday Walk for Peace**. You are invited to a community walk of witness and prayer for peace. Gather at 1.50pm at New Heart Baptist Church (25 Lytton Road) with your palm. There will be a pause at five Prayer spaces for a short reflection of five minutes each and will conclude at 3pm at Bulimba Memorial park. The walk is an important public witness and an opportunity for solidarity as people of faith.

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An **Easter Sunrise Service** is being offered for Bulimba Churches together, on Sunday 5 April, 6am at Riverside Park, 57 Addison Avenue, Bulimba. All welcome.

The parish **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** will meet this Sunday (29 March 2026) at 9am in the parish boardroom. All are welcome to join the conversation surrounding important social justice issues and initiatives.

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: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries out for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new 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: Isaiah 50:4-7 ◆ SECOND Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raise him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
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 Isaish 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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