NEWSLETTER

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The Most Holy Trinity

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th MAY to 3rd JUNE

The following is by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

National Reconciliation Week recalls the Referendum held on May 27, 1967. It agreed that Indigenous Australians are to be included as part of the population and that the Commonwealth Government could make laws for them. The Week also recalls the 1992 Mabo High Court decision that recognised the existence of native title; the April 1997 Report 'Bringing them Home' that examined the forced separation of Indigenous Australian children from their families; and the 2008 Apology by the Prime Minister to Indigenous peoples for the removal of their children.

Each of these events acknowledged symbolically the wrongs suffered by Indigenous peoples in Australia and the need to address them.

The last two years of Reconciliation have certainly been a wintering time. The hope aroused by the Uluru Statement and the announcement of the Referendum on the Voice with its initial high level of support was followed by the realisation that in Australia persistent strands of racism and prejudice remain as well as uncertainty about the best way forward. It showed, too, that constitutional change is very difficult to achieve through referenda, and that gains made by reducing the number of children in care and in the justice system can be overwhelmed by public anxiety and smallness of political vision.

And yet grounds for hope remain. They lie in the determination and resilience of generations of Indigenous people who have helped educate Australians about their story and about the costs that they have borne through colonisation and exclusion. They lie also in the number of highly educated Indigenous students who will be an eloquent voice for coming generations in public life. And they lie in the large number of non-Indigenous Australians who have demanded justice for Indigenous people.

The way forward depends on being informed and listening to each other.
I recommend the Information Session at Sts Peter and Paul's parish hall this Saturday evening.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 1 June to 7 June 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 Sr Margaret Mahon SGS, John White, Rosario Russo, Kathleen Mitchell, Larry Perrett, Yolanda Yorke, Peter Mahoney ***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, Sam Maher, 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, John Mann, Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee, Margaret Robba, Baby Noah Joseph.

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: **AARON KNOTT**

KANGAROO POINT ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS— Please accept our sincere thanks to those parishioners who have kindly donated blankets over the past few weeks. Some of these are already being distributed, as we respond to requests from people seeking our assistance.

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—18 JULY 2026—To celebrate the centenary of Sts Peter & Paul, there will be a special celebratory **'Wedding Mass'** for all couples married at Bulimba. All welcome to the Mass on Saturday 18 July 2026 at 10am, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Pray outdoors—see nature as part of your spiritual life

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS— As part of our combined parish's journey of reconciliation and coinciding with National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June 2026), we warmly invite parishioners and members of the wider deanery community to the launch of our **Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)**. Journey with our First Nations brothers and sisters as we gather to listen, learn, reflect and build a shared understanding together. During the evening we will listen to first hand reflections from a local Indigenous man, learn about local Aboriginal history from a historian, explore the importance of truth telling and understand how our parish can engage with the Archdiocesan RAP. The evening will feature several guest speakers, with wine and cheese and nibbles provided.
This Saturday 30 May, 6:45pm - 8:30pm in the parish hall.

Attendees can make a voluntary donation towards the cost of the evening via cash, EFTPOS or bank transfer as follows -
Archdiocesan Development Fund
BSB 064-786
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The next gathering of those enquiring about the Catholic faith will take place on **Wednesday 3 June @ 7pm** at St. Benedicts, East Brisbane. All welcome.

ANOINTING MASS—will be held at 9am on **Friday 5 June 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.

STS PETER AND PAUL'S PARISH BAKE STALL—Saturday 6 June after 5.30pm Mass and **Sunday 7 June** after 8am Mass. We are seeking volunteers to donate home-made sweet and savoury treats. All proceeds go towards St Vincent de Paul services for Family and Dometic Violence. Contact parishbakestall@gmail.com for more information

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next **Sunday 7 June 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

FAREWELL to Sr Sonia Wagner, SGS from the St Luke's community. After nearly nine years assisting with the parish needs, Sr Sonia will return to the Lourdes Hill, Hawthorne community. Please join us to say thank you and goodbye to Sr Sonia for her contribution to the parish with 8am Mass **Sunday 7 June 2026**, followed by morning tea in the St Luke's Green, theatre room. All welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD
SVDP Bulimba chapter meet @6pm Thursday 4 June in the parish hall
No 8am Mass at East Brisbane on Wednesday 17 June 2026

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS

menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is happening on the *13th and 14th June 2026* in *St James church and parish hall*. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from MenAlive Team will be running the weekend. There is still time to register.
Forms are available in the church foyer, or contact Darren at dmcconville1970@gmail.com, or *parish office contact 33971671 or email osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au (office)*.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION—BUS INFORMATION. There will be a bus departing from **Our Lady of Graces Parish,** 100 Mayfield Road, Carina, at 1pm on Sunday 7 June to the Corpus Christi Procession at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The return bus will depart the Cathedral at 4pm. Cost for the bus is $5 return per person, $15 return per family (up to 3 children). To book for the bus, either go to https://carinacatholic.flocknote.com/signup/258530, scan the QR code or contact Caroline on 0411 863 850 to book and for further information.

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: Each of us experiences a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world with the story of your 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

◆ FIRST Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 ◆ SECOND Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ◆ GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

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

Glory and praise for ever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
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 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.
He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

God sent his Son to save the world through him

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

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