Fifth Sunday of Easter

03 May 2026 (Year A)

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Our Deepest Fear

Many years ago the following wisdom landed on my desk at a time when I needed a bit of a shake-up. A time when I questioned if I was really making a difference in the work that I was doing. I suspect this feeling of inadequacy happens to most of us at some time, hopefully for not a long time.

I sometimes feel for young people in a world that places so many pressures on them through social media, that they believe that they are the only ones who think that they are not "good enough". Good enough for what. Some arbitrary standard from some anonymous voice who themselves may be hiding behind a media post, too afraid to show their faces or credentials.
Perhaps the following might give them pause for thought.

"*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us most. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?*

Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us.

It is not just some of us; it's in everyone. And, as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people the permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear our presence automatically liberates others." - Nelson Mandela 1994

Fr. Peter Dillon

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 26 April to 03 May 2026				
	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am Mass	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am		
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

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Brian Nolan, Neil Newman, Len Winter, Michael Swales, Jeanette Mecca, ***recently deceased and also for*** Mildred Bakunowicz, 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 – Michelle Mecca, 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.

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

FAREWELL - On **Sunday 3 May**, after the 8am Mass there will be a parish morning tea to farewell Sr. Gen who is leaving the Lourdes Hill Community after 11 years but will continue her membership of the Social Justice Group. Sr Gen has also been involved with Parish RCIA and liturgical ministry. We thank God for her presence among us and wish her good health and every happiness in this next phase of her religious life. God bless, Fr Kevin

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us
TO THE THIEF WHO STOLE MY GLASSES. I WILL FIND YOU…. I HAVE CONTACTS!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Practice mindfulness in how you consume food, water, media.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD— held during the 8am Mass. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.
Please note we will not offer CLOW on Sunday 10 May to allow our volunteers to celebrate Mother's Day.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BULIMBA CHAPTER will meet on Thursday 7 May 2026 in the parish hall at 6pm. New members welcome

THE ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE is holding their seven session series to help couples build a thriving, life-long partnership. For information visit tinyurl.com/amc7nights Beginning **MAY 7.** Register before May 5.

MENALIVE— is an initiative to bring men together, renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. **St. James Coorparoo** is holding a half day event **MAY 17 9am—1pm.** 165 Old Cleveland Rd. Coorparoo.

DROP IN FRIDAY—is happening on Friday May 8 in the parish hall from 10am.

Social Justice News: DATE CLAIMER Saturday, 30th May, 6:45pm - 8:30pm
Join us for an evening to learn about indigenous history in our local area, to build a shared understanding as we embark on our parish's journey of reconciliation. Featuring several external speakers. Wine, cheese and nibbles provided. Look out for further details soon!

May is **DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH.** The theme this year is ***Together we can*** reminding us that prevention is shared work. We all have a role to play, in how we listen, how we speak up, how we support one another, and how we build communities where respect, safety and dignity guide our relationships. **Our Lady of Graces Parish Carina** is holding Candlelight Prayers for Domestic Violence Victims on **14 May 2026** between 6.00 and 7.00 pm and all in the deanery are invited.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

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, Margaret Robba.*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: BRIAN (at last) SCHAEFER
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!!!***

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS—seeking Blankets Donations. As winter approaches, the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Benedicts and St Joseph's anticipate requests for blankets will start to increase. In a move to save our local Vinnies Conference funds we are asking parishioners who may have unwanted blankets in their households to consider donating these essential items to our Conference. If you can help, please leave any donations at the pious goods stall at the front of the church you attend. All donations will be gratefully received. In 2026 we have welcomed 3 new members who have joined our conference. Welcome to Mike, Owen ,and Kate!! Our conference meets at St Joseph's church at 6.00pm every 3 weeks on a Monday. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday May 18**. Newcomers are always welcome.

This MAY the Archdiocese will once again be coordinating an annual **MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT**. These figures help us to understand how many people are being reached in local communities and across the whole Archdiocese. Every 5 years, to coincide with the Australian National Census, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference asks for extra data on parish Mass attendance. Forming part of this year's count you will be asked in weeks three and four to provide some demographic information such as age and gender. We appreciate your participation. **THANK YOU**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is held during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

A memorial funeral service will be held for East Brisbane parishioner YOLANDE YORKE AT St. Joseph's Church Kangaroo Point at 10am on Saturday May 9.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE—FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI—WALK WITH JESUS Procession Sunday 7 June 2026 commencing at 2pm. The procession starts and ends at the Cathedral of St Stephen and features prayers, rosary, hymns, benediction and the Migrant Jubilee Cross, with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. For further information visit corpuschristibrisbane.com

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: The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today. 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

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

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through, me. 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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'
Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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