NEWSLETTER

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 November 2025 (Year C)

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A reflection on the holy Gospel Luke 21:5-19

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There's something haunting and beautiful about this passage. Jesus speaks of destruction, betrayal, upheaval, of a world in turmoil. And yet, woven through it all, is a quiet promise, "your endurance will win you your lives." It's easy to think that this Gospel is about events long ago or long forgotten. But we believe its power lies in how deeply it speaks to our lives right now. Every one of us has faced, or will face, moments when things fall apart, when what once seemed secure begins to crumble. Relationships break down. Jobs are lost. Health deteriorates. The unexpected knocks us off balance. Jesus doesn't promise that life will be easy. In fact, He's very clear, following Him means we will face hardship. But He also says something extraordinary, "do not be afraid." And even more astonishing, He tells us not to worry about what to say in our defence because He Himself will give us the words. It's a reminder that we never need to face suffering or uncertainty alone. This Gospel isn't about fear. It's about faithfulness. It's about trusting that even when everything shakes, God is unshakable! Christ assures us that nothing, not war, not betrayal, not even death can separate us from God. For "not a hair of your head will be lost." As we reflect on this, we're struck by how often we've clung to temporary things for security. And yet, Jesus gently invites us, and indeed all of us, to place our hope in something deeper, something eternal. The Temple may fall. The world may shift. But God's Word endures. And through that endurance, faithful, daily, sometimes quiet endurance, we will find life. That's the hope this passage gives us. That's the promise open to each of us!

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 17 November to 23 November 2025

	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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AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Natalina Rossi, Sr Kathleen (Katie) Lee SGS, Laurence Hall ***recently deceased and also for*** Veronica Indinah, Augustinus Krismanto, Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Margert Turpin, Paul Troja, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Ann Toomey, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Candelario Iquin, Ross Saffioti, Mal Thomson.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell.

We warmly **welcome back Fr Kevin** and hope his month-long prayer retreat was a time of rest, renewal, and spiritual enlightenment. All weekday Masses have now resumed as usual.

Please note, there will be no 9am Mass this Saturday (15 November). Instead, a **special Mass to commemorate the deceased Good Samaritans** will be celebrated at 10am in the Church. All welcome. Morning tea will follow in the parish hall.

SAVE THE DATE—Celebrating 100 Years of Service—the Parish will joyfully mark 100 years of the **Sts Peter and Paul ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**. All parishioners are warmly invited to join the 8 am Mass on Sunday 7 December, as we give thanks for a century of generosity and service over the years. This has included countless donations, delicious homemade casseroles, gifts to Christmas Appeals, contributions from Sts Peter and Paul and Lourdes Hill schools, and volunteer visits to support those in need within our community. Following Mass, please join us for morning tea in the Parish Hall to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
The orchestra leader was hit by lightning.
Unfortunately, he was a good conductor.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Some simple, faith-inspired steps for living sustainably and in harmony with creation, in the spirit of Laudato Si' and the Season of Creation.

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or scrubbing dishes.

NOVEMBER MASSES —parish Masses during the month of November will remember our family and friends whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance. The Paschal Candle will be lit beside the book during Mass. You are welcome to record the names of loved ones to be included in our prayers. Names of those whose ashes we care for and those who are remembered on our memorial plaques have been included. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

This year's **ADVENT DAILY PRAYER RESOURCE**—***In Holy Stillness***—is available in limited copies at $5 each. Beginning 30 November, each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion. Contact the parish office.

Are you divorced and would like to be married in the Church? The **REGIONAL TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** assists people in this situation, and in many cases can declare people to be free to marry in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the Tribunal on 3324 3033 or email tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au

ANSWER THE CALL TO MERCY AND COMPASSION—Centacare Pastoral Ministries are seeking kind, empathic women to join their team of chaplains at a women's correctional centre. Training, mentoring and ongoing support are provided. If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing and transformation, please contact judy.norris@bne.catholic.net.au for more information.

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 *Moira Carr*
Please remember the sick in your prayers *- Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Mary Leahy, Angelina Lee*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **LYN HORNER**
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!!!***

RECTIFICATION WORKS at St Luke's —Parishioners are advised that underpinning works on the church will commence in December with an exclusion zone set up for access. Further details to follow.
ST LUKE'S GREEN KNITTING GROUP have decided not to progress with the craft stall due to the church building works.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 2025 CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL
Our local Vinnies group will again support people who regularly seek our assistance by providing Christmas Food Hampers. We look forward to receiving generous help from parishioners across the three churches - St Luke's, St Benedict's and St Joseph's. The Appeal will commence on the first day of Advent at **Masses on the weekend November 29/30.** Further details in coming weeks.

LOOKING AHEAD
26 November NO 8am Mass @ St Benedict's
27 November *Ladies Lunch* 11am @ Pineapple Hotel

Come dressed in your Christmas colours as we kick off the festive season
Everyone is welcome
RSVP numbers to Catherine 0438 649 568

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: Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes". (Luke 21:5-19). 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 READINGS

◆ FIRST Reading: Malachi 3:19-20 ◆ SECOND Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

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

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

FIRST READING Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.
We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'
'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.
'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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