NEWSLETTER

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Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23 November 2025 (Year C)

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One of the far-reaching consequences of WWI was the void that remained in the leadership of many European countries and the flow on to their colonies around the world. Royal dynasties with their limited and begrudging adherence to the basic principles of democracy and narrow nationalistic aspirations were left in ruins in a blood bath of innocent young lives which achieved nothing. The void in leadership fuelled by terrible economic conditions soon saw this void filled by several popular movements. Not all of these were of lasting benefit and in fact some resulted in even further devastation in the world within twenty short years.

Amid this maelstrom, Pope Pius XI in 1925 attempted to offer some encouragement to all peoples of the world to realize the basic principles that undergird effective leadership, national identity and collective government. He proposed the outstanding humanist, Jesus Christ, as a model of dealing justly with others and shows in his own life what leading with service looks like. The Pope's document, *Quas Primas*, proposes Jesus Christ as a King who lays down his life in loving self-sacrifice for the ultimate good and betterment of others.

Remember that the Pope gave us this statement at a time when emerging political movements were highly critical of Christian faith and the Church.

There are obvious and very challenging aspects to this model of leadership that surprisingly we do see rarely but nevertheless courageously practiced if we look at the world closely. Of course, Pope Pius was not only describing the great example of Jesus in humanist terms worthy though they are, Pius XI was also offering a teaching on the Son of God. In Jesus Christ everything and everyone lives moves and has their being. Every aspect of the collective human journey including our failed and corrupt attempts at national leadership are caught up in the eternal love of God in Christ. Divine love is present and active, so let us pray that such love will be incarnate.

The Bulimba Parish is thrilled to include in our celebration of Christ the King the Christian initiation of Zac and Sarah. The Sacraments in which they partake fill them with the life of Christ who now calls them into mission with him and who is always faithful in their journey. Congratulations and every blessing.

God Bless,
Fr Kevin Smith

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 24 November to 30 November 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (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

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Natalina Rossi, Sr Kathleen (Katie) Lee SGS, Laurence Hall ***recently deceased and also for*** Leon Bakunowicz, 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.

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.

BE ONE IN A THOUSAND—Join the Romero Centre regular giving program and help make a real difference in the lives of refugees and people seeking asylum. Your ongoing support provides essentials like food, English lessons and pathways to work, offering dignity and hope to those rebuilding their lives. The Centre relies entirely on fundraising, and becoming "One in a Thousand" ensures this vital work can continue. Postcards with more information and a QR code to donate will be available at the Church doors this weekend.

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.

Cook only what you need and freeze leftovers instead of wasting food.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Zac** and **Sarah**, who will be joyfully initiated into the Church as we celebrate Christ the King this weekend. As they receive the Sacraments, they are embraced by the life of Christ and welcomed into His ongoing mission, supported always by His faithful presence. We hold them in our prayers and offer every blessing as they continue to grow in faith.

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: **CHRISTINE**
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!!!***

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY @ST JOSEPH'S—will take place at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, just before the Family Mass. Children are warmly invited to take part in roles such as narrators, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Kings, Innkeepers and the Drummer Boy. To register your child's interest, please text Nick Tyler on 0422 961 927. Rehearsals will be held in the Church on Saturday 20 December at 8.30am and Tuesday 23 December at 4.30pm.

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: The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God (2 Samuel 5:1-3). 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: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ◆ SECOND Reading: Colossians 1:12-20 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

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

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 2 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation;
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignties, Powers -
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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