NEWSLETTER

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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

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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.

ALL SAINTS FEAST

In a case of being in the right place at the right time, I have been privileged to shake the hand of one man and have a brief conversation with a woman, both of whom have been declared saints by the Church.

The man was *Saint John Paul II* and the woman *Saint Theresa of Calcutta*. While it was a feeling of great honour and joy, I can remember thinking how much they looked like ordinary people. Had they not been surrounded by crowds of adoring people they could have been simple old people that we pass in the street every day. Maybe I was expecting holiness to radiate from them or that some faint halo might have indicated that they were elevated above the rest of humanity, but NO, they were clearly just flesh and bones, stooped and a little confused about all the fuss that was going on around them.

What I have now come to understand about what made them different was that they were people who had come to know what it was like to live the Beatitudes of today's Gospel. Rather than striving to be blessed, they sought to do the actions that they believed would bring them the promise of being great in the sight of God.

While it may be a source of great honour for those declared saints by the Church, one thing is very clear. No one sets out to become a saint, and they will never know, in this life the glory of that declaration. Rather they will certainly know the sacrifice that is necessary in living a truthful compassionate life. The saint does not escape from life, but dares to hope for a deeper and more intense belonging to the world and its history. It is a hope inspired by love, by a life poured out, encouraging us to do the same.

It is no accident that All Saints Day is so connected to All Souls Day since we can all recall the saints of our own families. Those people who we will always recognise as the ones who lifted our lives to another level, and made us understand that not only is life great but we are blessed people, because we are connected to them and God.

Fr Peter Dillon

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 3 November to 9 November 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday			8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Adoration)	9am (Anointing Mass)		
Saturday	5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
Sunday	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

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 (nee Cullen), Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell, Pat Strotton.

Fr David Willis, OP continues to celebrate Mass with us. We thank the Dominican community at Carina for assisting.
Please note there will be **NO** weekday Masses while Fr Kevin is on retreat. **ADORATION** will be offered at 8am on Friday mornings.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meets Thursday 6 November at 6pm in the parish hall. Become a member and offer face-to-face support or volunteer to make a difference in your local community. Celebrating *100 years of the Bulimba* chapter this December, all new members welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be offered during the 8am Mass next Sunday 9 November. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

Join us this Sunday at 8am for the final **Family Mass** of the year. Parish Morning Tea will follow, along with our festive themed **Parish Bake Stall** across Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 8am Masses. Come along, enjoy some delicious treats, and support our parish's Social Justice initiatives.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
A truck carrying thousands of copies of thesauruses overturned this morning. Onlookers were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, surprised, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, awed dumbfounded, horrified, numbed and speechless!

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.

FOOD CHOICES
Choose sustainable options: incorporate more plant-based meals and avoid products that harm ecosystems.

NOVEMBER MASSES —parish Masses during the month of November will remeber 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.

SAVE THE DATE—You're invited to the next **Young Adult** gathering on Sunday, 9th November, following the 5.30pm Mass. We'll be heading to Betty's Burgers for a relaxed evening of food, faith, and friendship. All young adults (18+) welcome!

This year's **ADVENT DAILY PRAYER RESOURCE**—***In Holy Stillness***—is available in limited copies at $5 each. 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the parish Social Justice initiative **Providence Project.** Total funds of $5,903 were raised and are being transferred to the Sisters of Providence in Northern Thailand for their outreach program which assists young disadvantaged girls. The program entails an atmosphere where young women receive support through secondary education and learn management skills for daily life, empowering them to face every day difficulties and protect their human rights.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Nair Coimbra, Patricia Bretz, Francis Townsend, Paul Mann (brother of Paula Stein), Giuse Thai Nguyen* ***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: **NICK PROVE**
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!!!***

ANOINTING MASS will be held at 9am on **Friday 7 November** at St Luke's Buranda. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and aging, and is a sacred moment when we pray for God's grace to strengthen someone who is suffering from any form of illness. All welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

1 November	Feast of All Saints
2 November	Feast of All Souls
10 November	SVDP meet at 6pm @ St Joseph's church

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—you are invited to join in remembering loved ones, friends and parishioners who have died and now share in the Feast of Eternal Life. This **Sunday 2 November** at 8am Mass at St Luke's Buranda. Light refreshments will follow.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held on Sunday in the Coolock Room during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

PARISH MORNING TEA will follow the 9am Mass this Sunday. All parishioners welcome.

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PARISH LADIES LUNCH—Save the Date—our next gathering is set for 27 November, 11am at the Pineapple Hotel. Come dressed in your Christmas colours as we kick off the festive season together!
RSVP by 24 November to Catherine on 0438 649 568.
All welcome!

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: "Young man, I tell you to get up." Find new life in Christ by faithfully following His call today. (Luke 7:11-17). 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 25:6-9 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 5:5-11 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17

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 is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.
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 Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
The Lord God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
"Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

SECOND READING Romans 5:5-11

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through Christ from the wrath of God.

For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

But more than that,
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people.

When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said.

Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

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