NEWSLETTER

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The most important temple is the temple of a person's soul because God dwells within each one of us. In the most secret centre of our being is that sacred sanctuary where we meet God. Saint Teresa of Ávila called it the Presence Chamber, the most central and interior dwelling place within us.

In addition to the temple of the soul, there are many sacred places throughout the world. There are shrines, churches, basilicas, grottos, cathedrals, and other holy places that are set aside for the sole purpose of worship of God. They are to be a Heaven on earth, a place where we join with the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones in their angelic praises of the Most Holy Trinity. Today's feast commemorates one such place, the most important church on earth.

Of the four major basilicas in Rome, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world.

As we honour the mother church of the whole world, ponder the importance of a church building. A church is sacred because it is exclusively dedicated to the worship of God. Saint John Lateran is an exclusive-purpose church. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honour the dedication of that church in 324, pray for the Church today. Pray for your local parish, religious institutions, religious orders, dioceses, national conferences, and the Universal Church headed in Rome. Our churches and sacred places exist to be places where we come to encounter God. Pray for the pope in a particular way today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where he, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 10 November to 16 November 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration) + Benediction)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	10am (Mass) 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 celebrates the last of his month long supply at Mass this weekend. We thank him and the Dominican community at Carina for assisting the parish so faithfully.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Kevin back next week. All weekday Masses will resume as usual. Please note, there will be no 9am Mass on Saturday, 15 November. Instead, a **special Mass to commemorate the deceased Good Samaritans** will be celebrated at 10am in the Church. All welcome.

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

DROP IN FRIDAY—you're invited to join in the conversation and stay for morning tea, 10am in the parish hall Friday 14 November 2025. This is a great morning of conversation and hospitality. Why not consider attending?

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
My friend Joe recently went on the Dolly Parton diet. It really made Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean…..

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.

Use natural cleaning products (vinegar, baking soda, lemon) instead of harsh chemicals.

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.*

ALL YOUNG ADULTS (MUST BE 18+) are invited to the next **Young Adult** gathering on THIS 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 welcome!

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.

PARISH BAKE STALL —Thank you to co-ordinators Natalie and Jessie who braved the weather and went ahead with the last bake stall for the year on Sunday morning. Sorry to those who missed out Saturday evening. Your contribution for 2025 has been fantastic! $475 was raised towards parish initiatives for those in need, especially coming into the Christmas Season.

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: **JILL THURBON**
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!!!***

GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT —join for a festive evening of fun and giving! Build your own gingerbread house on **Wednesday, 19 November at 7pm** in the Hanly Room, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct. Tickets: $55 each (*all materials provided*). Parking via 196 Charlotte St. Book now at www.ec.org.au
All proceeds support the mission of the Emmanuel Community.

SAVE THE DATE—St Luke's Green knitting group will once again have hand made items on sale after the 8am Mass, Sunday 7 December. Hand towels, face cloths, lace covered hangers and shortbreads make beautiful Christmas gifts. Considered making a donation (if you prefer not to purchase items) as all proceeds are given to charity.

LOOKING AHEAD

10 November	*SVDP* meet at 6pm @ St Joseph's church
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: "Zeal for your house will devour me." How can we passionately follow God today? (John 2:13-22). 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: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17 ◆ GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

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 waters of the river gladden the city of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

You are the temple of God

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

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