NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2026 (Year A)

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So What's New?

Being a child of the early sixties, I am able to recall some fond memories of going to Church, when as children we were not permitted to say we didn't want to go. Besides, what else would we do when everyone I knew was attending the social event of the week called "Sunday Mass"? Of course, like most kids then, and now, I didn't really understand what was happening up 'on stage'. I have since looked back, nostalgically at what believers of that time were devoutly experiencing and, in some cases, clinging to, with no great desire to change or comprehend what was taking place. It was simply enough to be close to the transformative action. As an altar boy, I was called on several times to serve Mass for Father who was celebrating the Mass on his own, no congregation attending, leaving me with some mumbled Latin so I could rattle off the 'people's bits'. I got the distinct impression that the Mass was really just meant for God and the priest with me as a stagehand in case the candles blew out.

Even though many of those practices have changed over 55 years they are still clear in my mind, and I still recognise that some of our (mis)understandings still linger. They were certainly not wrong rubrics, because they reflected a particular understanding of what was taking place, but as we came to seek a closely understanding of Eucharistic theology, so did we need to make some liturgical changes that would better reflect that theology. What I now understand about some of what we experienced then gave us a sense that we, the congregation, were spectators and the priest performed every function for the people, not with the people. What I also recall is that we were not asked to understand what we were experiencing, it was simply enough that God was doing something wonderful in our presence and we didn't need to understand it all, but just to be present under pain of serious sin.

I have come to understand over time, that while my early experience of gathering as a faith community around the sacrifice of the Mass brought comfort and a strong sense of belonging, it did not bring an understanding of what it meant to share in the priesthood of Christ when I was anointed at my Baptism. That understanding came much later, helped by the revelations of the Eucharist being celebrated in my own language and the presider facing the people. The inclusiveness of the people who are now able to read and respond as well as bring forth from the body of the community the gifts of bread and wine that will be changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, now present in the complete gathering of the faithful, each with a function and role, each with a responsibility to respond in action to the spiritual food they are receiving.

Though there are many things I would wish to return to when I recall those trouble-free peaceful days, I am indeed grateful to be living in this time in the history of our Church when we can ask questions and seek more effective ways of being the Body of Christ, not simply watching hoping that God notices us, but participating in a real and active way in the real presence of God in our midst.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 12 October to 18 October 2026

	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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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 • KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests—please pray for the departed loved ones and those suffering illness from Bulimba, Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane and Buranda parishes, especially Patricia Kretschmer, Eilisha Little, Carlos Lazo ***recently deceased and also for*** Caitlin Donohue, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Moira Dugera, Patricia Romero, Ross Saffioti, Margaret Turpin, Candelario Iquin, Ted Mazur, Joyce Dickens, Leoncio Rodriguez, Ross Saffioti, Ann Cleary, Hiep and Hach Nguyen, Mal Thomson, Beppo Pagliaro.
Please remember the sick – Kay Bradnock, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Anne Bardwell, Paul Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee, Margaret Robba, Connie Sladen, Kim Koster.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **JULIE JOUGHAN**

STS PETER AND PAUL'S BAKE STALL – it's on this weekend 10/11 October 2026. Please support our final bake stall for the year. If you can contribute, we warmly welcome donations of homemade cakes, slices, biscuits and other baked treats. Every contribution, big or small, helps fill the stall and supports a good cause. All funds raised will be donated to a parish chosen charity to continue the wonderful spirit of generosity behind our Bake Stalls throughout the year. We hope you'll join us this Saturday evening or Sunday morning.
PARISH MORNING TEA will be on after the 8am Sunday Mass.

FUNERAL SERVICE for Eilisha Little (*Kangaroo Point parishioner*) will take place on **Thursday 15 October 2026** at 10.30am at St Francis of Assisi Catholic parish, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End. All are invited. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the hall behind the church.

Please note there will be NO access to St Benedict's church from Sunday 18 October – Friday 23 October due to new carpet installation. There will be NO Mass on Wednesday 21 October 2026.

SOCIAL JUSTICE RECONCILIATION NEWS: Sts Peter & Paul Parish Reconciliation Consultation Group has held several meetings to develop a **Parish RAP Implementation Plan**, following the launch of the Brisbane Archdiocese 2026-2028 RAP. You are welcome to join the next meeting at 5:30-6:30pm, **Monday 26th October** in the Parish Board Room. The meeting will work towards drafting the plan to issue to parishioners for comment before the end of the year.

CHANGE OF DATE - PLEASE NOTE THAT STS PETER AND PAUL'S CENTENARY MASS CELEBRATIONS HAVE NOW CHANGED DUE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITMENT IN ROME.
The Centenary Mass will now be celebrated on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 9am. This will be the only parish Mass at Bulimba for the weekend. Please assist us in getting the word out to fellow parishioners, old and new, that may be attending the celebrations and morning tea afterwards. THANK YOU

LOOKING AHEAD

21 October	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
28 October	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
1 November	Feast Day – All Saints
2 November	Feast Day – All Souls
2 November	SVDP Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane chapter meet

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Where do bad rainbows go? *To prism.*
It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Spiritual and Mindful Living:
Introduce moments of silence in prayer to contemplate creation.

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH - CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL will occur at the parishes of Sts Luke's and Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane across the weekend of 17/18 October. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo that we are '**One in Christ, United in Mission**'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift.
For Yamikani *, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to https://www.catholicmission.org.au/united
Giving envelopes will be available on church pews next weekend.

REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE - REPORTABLE CONDUCT TRAINING COMPLIANCE - The Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme commenced on 1 July 2026, with a short training module assigned to all workers and volunteers.
The Scheme introduces significant new statutory obligations in respect to misconduct towards children. It is therefore important that all clergy, employees and volunteers understand what constitutes reportable conduct and are aware of their reporting obligations.
For those volunteers who have yet to complete this training module, we ask that you do so as a matter of priority.
THANK YOU for your support in helping our parishes meet these important obligations and maintain safe environments for children and adults.

October is traditionally celebrated as the **MONTH OF THE ROSARY**, a special time to turn to Mary and reflect upon the life, death, and resurrection of her son, Jesus. The **Rosary is recited before the 9am Saturday Mass at Sts Peter and Paul's** and you are warmly invited to join in this devotion, asking Mary to intercede for our families, our parish community and the needs of our world.

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY NEWS

SIGNS OF THE TIMES AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Presentation by Martha Hennessy, Catholic Activist and granddaughter of Dorothy Day (Servant of God).
You are invited to hear Martha speaking on her Catholic faith and her grandmother's life, exploring topics of Catholic Social Teaching, Community, Nuclear Abolition and Peacemaking efforts within the tradition of the Catholic Worker Movement.

Where: St James Parish Hall Coorparoo
When: 21 October 2026
Time: Tea/Coffee and food served at 6:30pm with a 7pm start

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: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin. 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 INFORMATION NIGHT – The Archdiocese of Brisbane is heading to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from 3 to 8 August 2027. If you're a young adult thinking about coming, come along to our info night. Led by the Youth & Young Adults team from Archdiocesan Ministries, you will be walked through the pilgrimage, costs, timelines and how to sign up. **Tuesday 13 October 6pm**, Parish Hall Sts Peter and Paul's, 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba. Register at tinyurl.com/WYDInfoNight2026

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

◆ FIRST Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10 ◆ SECOND Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 1-14

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

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
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

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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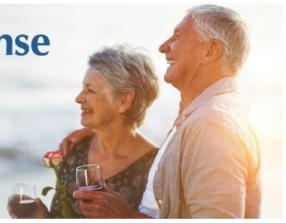

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