NEWSLETTER

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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.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

I have been told by many children of deceased parents that delivering the eulogy at their parent's funeral was the hardest job they have ever had to do. I can believe it, having celebrated the funeral of both my parents. It is tough and necessary given what you have received from them. It comes with high responsibility and deep emotion, and is a once-only opportunity to publically acknowledge the love and appreciation that you had for them.

As you can imagine, I've heard quite a few funeral eulogies over the years. These days they are referred to as "words of remembrance" and their purpose is not to read a detailed list of significant times, places and people in the deceased life, but more about highlighting the contributions a person has given to the lives of their family, parish or wider community, the non-material gifts that have been taught and learned in the course of their life. I usually suggest to the person designated with the responsibility on the day, not to tell the gathered congregation the street number, where they first lived or the golf handicap or model of their first car, but rather aspects of the person's life that you would see as a lesson or advice for those of us left to continue life's journey.

Even though the speaker is largely preaching to the converted, it is never an easy task and should not be left to grasping at random thoughts on the day. Carefully worded, written and thoughtfully timed deliveries are the most respectful and appropriate, and are usually the most memorable. As disciplined as it is containing the words to ten minutes at most, that is as much as people can take in on a day of high emotion.

Given that we are usually gathered in a Church for the funeral, it is helpful to focus the deceased's faith and relationship with God, although this sometimes requires a creative approach, particularly when the person being spoken about didn't show any overt signs religious practice. Not that that necessarily means that they weren't deeply spiritual, but that light might have been tightly hidden under a bushel and never shared with the near and dear. Above all, words of remembrance should be about the truth, not necessarily all the truth, but those bits that might assist the assembled gathering to enrich their own lives as they contemplate the life of the one who has gone to God before them. On the odd occasion I get the impression that while the words of the eulogist are full of superlatives, those present appear to be wondering if they are attending the right service. While we are often told about the most wonderful mother/father who ever lived, we all understand that the perfect parent is yet to be born and there is a little bit of rogue in the best of us. It makes them so real and precious.

Perhaps it might be a worthwhile exercise for you to imagine or even record what you would like people to know about your life when the time comes for people to gather at your funeral (*Sorry to bring this up, but it will happen one day*). This is not a morbid task and can be quite therapeutic, and might allow you a little bit of pride when you can look back on what you have achieved in your life.

What is the truth you would like others to know about you and are there any myths that need to be debunked? What would you like your children to know better about life through the way you lived it, and do you want people to leave the church grateful that they shared some of your interesting life?
Here's your chance to have your say and not risk leaving the job to someone less creative.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 13 October to 19 October 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday				
Friday	8am (Adoration)	9am (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 Laurence Hall, Angie Durelli, Rhys Agnew, Josie Bulgarelli, Anne Cleary ***recently deceased and also for*** 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, Sr Ellen Randle, SGS, Michael French, 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), Natalina Rossi, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell, Pat Strotton.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD returns this Sunday 12 October 2025 during the 8am Mass. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. Thank you to the leaders for their continued commitment to this parish ministry.

This weekend we welcome **FR DAVID WILLIS** from the Dominican Community at Carina to celebrate Masses with us while Fr Kevin is on retreat. Fr David will continue with us throughout October and November. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

Please note there will be **NO** weekday Masses while Fr Kevin is on retreat. **Adoration** will be offered at 8am on Friday mornings. All welcome.

October is **World Mission Month** and in partnership with Catholic Mission, the annual church appeal will be held next weekend 18-19 October . We invite you to support the work of ***the Church in Zambia bringing hope to those who need it*** – for mothers struggling to provide for their families, women risking their lives to give birth and entire communities yearning for a brighter future

THE CARMELITE SISTERS invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Sunday 19 October at 10.30am. Stay for a picnic lunch (tea, coffee, sandwiches on sale), browse stalls and the Sister's handcrafts. Carmelite monastery, 287 Wellington St, Ormiston. www.carmeliteormiston.com

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
My young grandson called to wish me Happy Birthday.
He asked how old I was and I told him sixty-eight
My grandson was quiet for a moment , then asked
'Did you start at one?'

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.

MINDFUL ENERGY USE
Switch off lights and appliances when not in use;
Choose renewable energy if possible.

SAVE THE DATE—The Sts Peter &Paul's School Fete will be held on **Saturday, 25th October 2025 from 9.30am to 4.00pm**. The Fete Committee warmly invites the whole parish community to come along and enjoy a wonderful day of rides, food trucks, stalls, and plenty of family fun. There will also be a much-loved **Cake Stall**, and we would greatly appreciate donations of cakes or baked goods. If you are able to help, please email Natalie at nataliecatanzaro0@gmail.com
Don't forget to purchase your **Fete Raffle Tickets** – a wonderful way to support our school community, with funds going towards upgrading the seating on the school oval. You'll also be in the running to win a **$10,000 Flight Centre holiday voucher** or a **$3,000 SnowScene package**. Purchase your ticket here: https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=982w7&sref=y6bzvbmn

Please note that parishioners attending the 5.30pm Saturday Mass will not be able to park in the church carpark due to the event.

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.***
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: **PHIL SMITH**
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!!!***

LOOKING AHEAD

15 October	**NO** 8am Mass at East Brisbane
18/19 Oct	**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL** weekend
20 October	**St Vincent de Paul** meet in the church @ 6pm
22 October	**PPC/PFC** committees meet at St Joseph's

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Kangaroo Point Chapter will meet on **Monday 20 October** at 6pm in St Joseph's church. All new and interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

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. **Sunday 2 November** at 8am Mass at St Luke's Buranda. Light refreshments will follow. Please RSVP to 3129 9070 by 30 October, or sign the form at the church entrance. Please let us know your loved one's name so they can be added to the prayer list.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN JUBILEE—Celebrating 25 years of the Cathedral's Grand Organ. You are invited to support an upcoming music event on Sunday 26 October 2025 at 3pm. Christopher Trikilis, Organist together with Brisbane Baroque Brass. Tickets can be purchased on-line using the link https://www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

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: Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19).
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 MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 ◆ SECOND Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

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 has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.
Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.
Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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